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Fourth and final crewman pulled alive from capsized ship

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JEKYLL ISLAND, Ga. (AP)

— Coast Guard rescuers pulled four trapped men alive from a capsized cargo ship Monday, drilling into the hull's steel plates to extract the crew members more than a day after their vessel overturned while leaving a Georgia port.

All four were described as alert and in relatively good condition and were taken to a hospital for further evaluation. "Best day of my 16-year career," Lt. Lloyd Heflin, who was coordinating the effort, wrote in a text message to The Associated Press. A video posted online by the Coast Guard showed responders clapping and cheering as the final man, wearing only shorts, climbed out of a hole in the hull and stood up. Three of the South Korean crew members came out in the midafternoon. The fourth man, who was trapped in a separate compartment, emerged three hours later.

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A member of a rescue party places a ladder in a hole cut in the hull of the cargo ship Golden Ray, Monday, Sept. 9, 2019, after the vessel overturned while leaving the Port of Brunswick, Ga., early Sunday morning.

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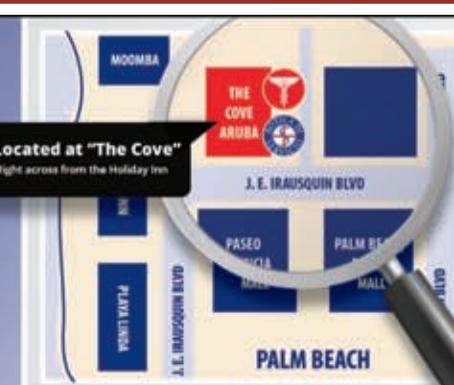
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MIT scandal highlights thorny ethics of university donations

By COLLIN BINKLEY
AP Education Writer

BOSTON (AP) — While MIT grapples with new allegations about its financial ties to Jeffrey Epstein, other universities that accepted donations from the disgraced financier say they have no plans to return the money. The turmoil at MIT has sent shockwaves through the world of education and highlights the challenges universities face as they screen potential donors and decide whether to keep money that's tainted by its benefactor's misdeeds.

Epstein was arrested in July on federal sex-trafficking charges, drawing new attention to old allegations that he had sexually abused women and girls. He killed himself in jail in August while awaiting trial. Harvard University says it already spent \$6.5 million that Epstein donated in 2003. The University of Arizona says it isn't returning \$50,000 it received in 2017. The University of British Columbia is not giving back \$25,000 it got from an Epstein



In this April 3, 2017 file photo, students walk past the "Great Dome" atop Building 10 on the Massachusetts Institute of Technology campus in Cambridge, Mass.

stein charity in 2011. Ohio State University has not said what will come of its funding from Epstein, including \$2.5 million donated in 2007. The school announced a review of the gifts in July but declined to provide an update Monday. Epstein's ties to academia are coming under renewed scrutiny amid allegations that a prestigious research lab at the Massachusetts

Institute of Technology had a more extensive fundraising relationship with Epstein than it previously acknowledged and tried to conceal the extent of the relationship.

The allegations, first reported Friday by The New Yorker, spurred MIT's president to bring in an outside law firm to investigate. In a letter to campus Saturday, President Rafael Reif called the accusations "deeply disturbing" and "extremely serious."

Reif previously announced that MIT had received about \$800,000 from Epstein over two decades and would donate the same amount to a charity that benefits victims of sexual abuse.

Other schools have said they didn't even know donations they received came from Epstein. His \$50,000 to the University of Arizona to pay for a science conference came through a charity he operated, Gratitude America, Ltd. School officials said they were unaware of his ties to the charity at the time.

Epstein's \$25,000 to the University of British Columbia came through another of his foundations, Enhanced Education. The school says none of the gift's documentation, "nor the university's due diligence," indicated a link to Epstein, who pleaded guilty in 2008 to soliciting a minor for prostitution in Florida under a

deal that required him to serve 13 months in jail and register as a sex offender. "The crimes Mr. Epstein was convicted of, and the later accusations, are abhorrent and the university would not have accepted the donation in 2011 if it had been aware of a link between him and Enhanced Education," Kurt Heinrich, a university spokesman, said in a statement.

Harvard has refused to disclose exactly how much it received from Epstein but says the largest gift was \$6.5 million, given to the school's Program for Evolutionary Dynamics in 2003. A Harvard spokesman said the school did not receive any gifts from Epstein after 2007.

Disputes over tainted money are common at universities and other nonprofits that rely on philanthropy, experts say. Many schools appoint ethics boards to screen donors, but there are no hard rules when it comes to deciding whether to accept a gift.

"Universities have to determine for themselves what is or is not acceptable," said Leslie Lenkowsky, a professor emeritus at Indiana University who specializes in philanthropy. "There are no clear standards."

Some nonprofit leaders err on the side of caution, Lenkowsky said, while some believe that even "tainted" figures deserve a chance at redemption.

More universities have

been crafting policies to guide them when concerns about donors arise, said Henry Stoever, president and CEO of the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges. Different colleges have different appetites for risk, he said, but ultimately the top priority is the school's reputation. At MIT, it appears there was a breakdown in the system for evaluating donors. According to The New Yorker, the Media Lab continued to accept money from Epstein even after the university labeled him as a "disqualified" donor. MIT says Media Lab director Joi Ito resigned Saturday. Ito, who was also a visiting professor at Harvard Law School, also resigned from that position.

Reif's message on Saturday said the acceptance of Epstein's gifts "involved a mistake of judgment." He added that the school is assessing how to improve policies and prevent similar mistakes in the future.

Among other allegations, The New Yorker reported that Epstein arranged at least \$7.5 million from other wealthy donors to the MIT Media Lab, including \$2 million that he claimed to solicit from Bill Gates. A Gates representative on Monday said the money given directly to the university in 2014 wasn't dedicated to the program that Epstein was fundraising for, and Gates' office wasn't aware of any discussions between the lab and Epstein about the tech billionaire's grant.

At Brown University, a fund-raising director was placed on administrative leave following a report that accused him of helping cover up Epstein's connections to the MIT Media Lab. Brown spokesman Brian Clark told The Providence Journal Sunday that Peter Cohen, director of development for computer and data science, is on leave pending a review. Clark said Brown hasn't received donations from Epstein. Cohen did not respond to a phone call seeking comment Monday. □

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Fourth and final crewman pulled alive from capsized ship

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The rescues followed nearly 36 hours of work after the Golden Ray, a giant ship that carries automobiles, rolled onto its side early Sunday as it was leaving Brunswick, bound for Baltimore.

"All crew members are accounted for," Coast Guard Southeast wrote on Twitter. "Operations will now shift fully to environmental protection, removing the vessel and resuming commerce." In the hours immediately after the accident, the Coast Guard lifted 20 crew members into helicopters before determining that smoke and flames and unstable cargo made it too risky to venture further inside the vessel. Officials were concerned that some of the 4,000 vehicles aboard may have broken loose.

That left responders looking for the remaining four crew members. At first, rescuers thought the noises they were hearing inside could be some of the vehicles crashing around. But by dawn Monday, they were confident that the taps were responses to their own taps, indicating someone was alive inside.

"It was outstanding when I heard the news this morning that we had taps back throughout the night," Capt. John Reed said. Those sounds helped lead rescuers to the right place on the 656-foot (200 meter) vessel and provided motivation. "They were charged up knowing the people were alive," Reed said. On Monday morning, rescuers landed on the side of the Golden Ray and rappelled down the hull. Heflin, who was coordinating the search, said they found three men in a

room close to the propeller shaft, near the bottom of the stern. Responders began drilling, starting with a 3-inch (7.5-centimeter) hole. Coast Guard officials brought the ship's chief engineer, who was rescued Sunday, out to the ship to translate, and found the three men were "on board and OK," as Heflin put it. Reed said rescuers passed food and water through the hole to the men. They also provided fresh air to the propeller room, which Reed said was even hotter than outside, where the high was 93 degrees (34 Celsius).

Responders set up a tent on the hull and began drilling additional holes, eventually making an opening large enough to insert a ladder and help the men climb out.

The fourth rescue was a greater challenge. That crewman was behind glass in a separate engineering compartment on another deck, Reed said.

The Golden Ray is now stuck in the shipping channel, closing one of the busiest U.S. seaports for shipping automobiles. One ship is unable to leave port and four more are lined up outside waiting to come in, according to ship-tracking website Marine Traffic. A statement issued Monday by the South Korea foreign ministry said the crew members were isolated in an engine room. It said 10 South Koreans and 13 Filipinos had been on board, along with a U.S. harbor pilot, when the ship began tilting.

Position records for the Golden Ray show the ship arrived in port in Brunswick Saturday evening after making the short sail from a prior stop in Jacksonville, Florida. The ship

then departed the dock in Brunswick shortly after midnight and was underway only 23 minutes before its movement stopped in the mouth of the harbor where it capsized, according to satellite data recorded by Marine Traffic. Port officials were "working closely with the Coast Guard to reopen the channel," Georgia Ports Authority Executive Director Griff Lynch said in a statement after the final man was rescued.

The cause of the capsizing remains under investigation. Marine Traffic shows the Golden Ray overturned as it was passed by another car carrier entering St. Simons Sound.

At the time, the skies were clear and the weather calm, with a southerly



In this image released by the U.S. Coast Guard shows a crew member of the cargo ship Golden Ray as he is helped off the capsized ship Monday, Sept. 9, 2019 off St. Simons Island, Ga.

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breeze of only 5 miles per hour, according to National Weather Service records. Many of those rescued were taken to the International Seafarers' Center in Brunswick. Sailors arrived

with only what they were wearing when rescued. A restaurant donated a meal, and the volunteer-run center provided the seamen with clothes, toiletries and Bibles.□

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Judiciary panel to set rules for impeachment investigation

By MARY CLARE JALONICK

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House Judiciary Committee will vote Thursday to establish rules for hearings on impeachment, escalating the panel's investigations of President Donald Trump even as many Democrats remain wary of the effort. The resolution is a technical step, and the panel would still have to introduce impeachment articles against Trump and win approval from the House to bring charges against Trump. It's unclear if that will ever happen, as House Speaker Nancy Pelosi has urged caution on the issue, saying the public still isn't yet supportive of taking those steps.

Even if the House did recommend impeachment charges against the president, the Republican-led Senate is unlikely to convict him and remove him from office.

Still, House Judiciary Committee Chairman Jerrold Nadler has said that the committee will move forward with impeachment hearings this fall, bolstered by lawmakers on the panel who roundly support moving forward. The vote on Thursday will set rules for those hearings, empowering staff to question witnesses, allowing some evidence to remain private and permitting the president's counsel to respond to testimony.

The committee says that the resolution is similar to procedural votes taken at the beginning of the impeachment investigations into Presidents Richard Nixon and Bill Clinton.

"The adoption of these additional procedures is the next step in that process and will help ensure our impeachment hearings are



In this July 26, 2019, file photo, House Judiciary Committee Chairman Jerrold Nadler, D-N.Y., prepares for a television news interview at the Capitol in Washington.

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informative to Congress and the public, while providing the president with the ability to respond to evidence presented against him," Nadler said in a statement. "We will not allow Trump's continued obstruction to stop us from delivering the truth to the American people."

The committee has also filed two lawsuits against the administration after the White House repeatedly blocked the panel from obtaining documents and testimony. Pelosi has said she wants to see what happens in court before making any decisions on impeachment.

The first hearing under the new impeachment rules would be with Corey Lewandowski on Sept. 17, the panel also announced Monday. Lewandowski was frequently mentioned in former special counsel Robert Mueller's report, which the committee has been investigating. According to Mueller's report, Trump asked Lewandowski

to deliver a message to then-Attorney General Jeff Sessions asking him to limit Mueller's probe.

The committee has also invited two other witnesses mentioned in the report, former White House aides Rick Dearborn and Rob Porter. The White House has previously blocked former employees from testifying, but Lewandowski never officially worked for the White House.

The resolution that the committee will consider Thursday would set parameters for the panel's impeachment hearings in an attempt to give lawmakers more powers to investigate the president. It would allow committee lawyers to question witnesses for an additional hour — 30 minutes for each side — beyond the five minutes allowed for committee lawmakers. Evidence would be allowed in private session to protect the confidentiality of sensitive materials, and any full committee or subcommittee hearing could be des-

ignated by Nadler as part of the committee's probe into whether to recommend articles of impeachment.

The procedural vote comes as the panel broadens its impeachment probe beyond Mueller's report, which has consumed most of the committee's energy since it was released in April. The Judiciary panel, along with the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, announced Friday that they are demanding information about the spending of taxpayer money at the president's hotels and properties, partly to inform the impeachment investigation.

Aside from reviewing his use of Trump's properties, the Judiciary panel is also expected to investigate hush money payments Trump made to kill potentially embarrassing stories, and has subpoenaed the Department of Homeland Security to explore whether the president offered pre-

emptive pardons for law-breaking. More subpoenas are likely.

Meanwhile, several other committees are also investigating the president — though not under the auspices of impeachment, which is the jurisdiction of the Judiciary panel.

In one of those probes, House Intelligence Committee Chairman Adam Schiff wrote former National Security Adviser Michael Flynn and demanded that he appear for testimony on Sept. 25. In the letter, dated Friday, Schiff said that Flynn had failed to comply with the panel's June subpoena or "cooperate with the committee's efforts to secure your compliance."

Flynn admitted lying to the FBI about his conversations with the Russian ambassador to the United States and awaits sentencing.

The intelligence panel said also Monday that it will investigate possible efforts by Trump and his personal lawyer, former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani, to pressure the government of Ukraine to assist Trump's 2020 presidential campaign.

The intelligence panel, along with the House Foreign Relations Committee and the Oversight committee, are demanding records related to those efforts. The committees said in a joint release that the record request is a "first step in a broad investigation into this matter."

Giuliani said earlier this year that he would travel to Kiev to urge the government to investigate the origins of Mueller's probe and the involvement of former Vice President Joe Biden's son in a gas company owned by a Ukrainian oligarch. Giuliani later scrapped that trip. □

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NOAA scientist: agency likely broke science integrity rules

By JAY REEVES and SETH BORENSTEIN

Associated Press

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. (AP) — The acting chief scientist at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration said his agency likely violated its scientific integrity rules last week when it publicly chastised a weather office that contradicted President Donald Trump's claim that Hurricane Dorian threatened Alabama.

Two top NOAA civil servants not so quietly revolted against an unsigned agency press release issued late Friday rebuking the Birmingham weather office for saying Alabama was safe. The agency's top scientist called Friday's release "po-

itical" and the head of the National Weather Service said the Alabama office "did what any office would do to protect the public." "My understanding is that this intervention to contradict the forecaster was not based on science but on external factors including reputation and appearance, or simply put, political," acting chief scientist and assistant administrator for ocean and atmospheric research Craig McLean wrote to staffers Sunday night.

In the email, first reported by The Washington Post, McLean said he is "pursuing the potential violations" of the agency's science integrity policy.

NOAA spokesman Scott Smullen said Monday, "NOAA's policies on scientific integrity and communications are among the strongest in the federal government, and get high marks from third party observers. The agency's senior career leaders are free to express their opinions about matters of agency operations and science. The agency will not be providing further official comment, and will not speculate on internal reviews."

Meanwhile, another career civil servant, National Weather Service Director Louis Uccellini said forecasters in Birmingham did the right thing Sept. 1 when they tried to combat pub-



National Weather Service Director Louis Uccellini addresses a meeting of the National Weather Association in Huntsville, Ala., Monday, Sept. 9, 2019.

Associated Press

lic panic and rumors that Dorian posed a threat to Alabama.

"They did that with one thing in mind: public safety," said Uccellini, who prompted a standing ovation at a meeting of the National Weather Association by asking members of the Birmingham weather staff to stand.

"Only later, when the retweets and politically based comments started coming to their office, did they learn the sources of this information," he said. Kevin Laws, science and operations officer for the weather service in Birmingham, declined comment on Uccellini's remarks.

"I think the speech speaks for itself," Laws said.

McLean in his letter said the Birmingham staff "corrected any public misunderstanding in an expert and timely way as they should. There followed, last Friday, an unsigned press release from 'NOAA' that inappropriately and incorrectly contradicted the NWS forecaster."

McLean said that the NOAA Scientific Integrity Policy tells all agency employees to "approach all scientific activities with honesty, objectively, and completely, without allegiance to individuals, organizations, or ideology."

He said the Friday NOAA press release "compromises the ability of NOAA to convey life-saving information" and "violated NOAA's policies of scientific integrity."

The policy said employees should not "intimidate or coerce employees, contractors, recipients of financial assistance awards, or others to alter or censor scientific findings."

The scientific integrity policy is not criminal and has no punishments, said former NOAA general counsel and deputy administrator Monica Medina, who served in the Barack Obama and Bill Clinton administrations. She praised McLean and Uccellini "for looking into the matter and holding their current leadership accountable." □

Poor People's Campaign to register voters on 20-state tour

By MARTHA WAGGONER
Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — The Poor People's Campaign will begin touring more than 20 states later this month to bring together residents of disenfranchised communities and help them register to vote. The Rev. William Barber, co-chair of the campaign, said Monday at a news conference in Washington, D.C., that the tour begins Sept. 16 in El Paso, Texas, and will culminate on June 20 with an assembly on the National Mall in Washington. Three stops are planned in at least 22 states, with Day 1 focus-

ing on the communities and their stories; Day 2 on voter registration and Day 3 on a march and rally. MORE — an acronym for Mobilizing, Organizing, Registering, Educating — will build on a multistate anti-poverty tour that began in February and ended with the People's Moral Action Congress in Washington.

"We have identified areas all over the country where, if just 2% of poor and low-wealth people and their allies are organized, it changes the political calculus and can make a huge electoral difference," Barber said

in a statement. He said such votes could make a difference in the 2020 re-election bids of U.S. Sens. Thom Tillis in North Carolina and Mitch McConnell in Kentucky.

The original Poor People's Campaign was established by the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. in December 1967, four months before he was assassinated. Barber revived that campaign in 2017, four years after he had started the "Moral Monday" movement, which organized protests about issues including gerrymandering, voting rights, LGBTQ rights and unions. □



Acting Commissioner of Customs and Border Protection Mark Morgan speaks at the White House in Washington, Monday, Sept. 9, 2019.

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Number of border crossers drops amid Mexican crackdown

By ASTRID GALVAN

Associated Press

PHOENIX (AP) — The Trump administration said Monday it saw a 30% drop in the number of people apprehended at the southern U.S. border from July to August, amid an aggressive crackdown by the Mexican government on migrants traveling north.

Acting Customs and Border Protection Commissioner Mark Morgan said at the White House that the percentage of border crossers who are traveling as families also slid, a welcome change for U.S. authorities who claim adults bring children to the U.S. because the government can't detain them for as long. Migrants traveling in families and unaccompanied children accounted for 57% of border arrests in August, down from 67% in July and 72% in May.

Morgan credited President Donald Trump's efforts to reduce immigration as well as the Mexican government's clampdown on migrants traveling north, which it says resulted in a 56% reduction in three months. He said the drop has "nothing to do" with seasonal trends in which fewer migrants cross during the hot summer months.

"We are absolutely encouraged by the downward trend of apprehension numbers but we know

these numbers can always spike upwards," he said. "History has shown that. We've seen it happen in the past." The Border Patrol apprehended just over 50,600 people at the southern border in August, compared to nearly 72,000 in July and over 132,000 in May, at the peak of illegal border crossings. Authorities at official ports of entries also turned away 13,300 people in August, an increase from the 10,000 turned back in July. There are about 19,000 people waiting in Mexico to formally request asylum in the U.S.

Randy Capps, director of research at the Migration Policy Institute, said while the number of apprehensions has dropped, it's still high compared to August in other years. He said the spike the U.S. saw in the spring isn't necessarily tied to the weather but to chaos at the border.

"The smugglers know when there's chaos they have a lot more options. They can lower prices or make better guarantees," Capps said.

A majority of immigrants coming to the U.S. are Central American families who turn themselves in after crossing the border and are fleeing violence and poverty. Many seek asylum. Yuma, Arizona, saw a dramatic spike in the number of families and unaccompanied children coming to

the border over the past two years, making it the third-busiest sector in the Southwest. So far this year, the Yuma sector has seen over 51,000 family units. That's compared to just over 10,700 the year before—a 316% increase. In June, border officials announced they'd built a temporary, 500-person capacity tent facility in the back parking lot of the Border Patrol's Yuma headquarters. The agency spent just under \$15 million for the setup and services for four months, including meals, laundry and security.

But the number of arrivals there has fallen sharply, and officials are evaluating whether to keep the facility running after the four-month contract expires next month.

The administration has depended on Mexico for its "Remain in Mexico" program, which sends asylum-seekers back to Mexico to wait for U.S. court hearings. Morgan on Monday said the U.S. has returned 42,000 asylum-seekers since the program began earlier this year but didn't confirm reports that many had been kidnapped, robbed or fallen victim to extortion in Mexico. Homicides in Mexico have soared to nearly 35,000 last year, an increase from the peak of the 2011 cartel violence that left 27,000 dead.□

NRA sues San Francisco over terrorist declaration

By LISA MARIE PANE
Associated Press

The National Rifle Association sued San Francisco on Monday over the city's recent declaration that the gun-rights lobby is a "domestic terrorist organization."

The lawsuit, filed in U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California, accuses city officials of violating the gun lobby's free speech rights for political reasons and says the city is seeking to blacklist anyone associated with the NRA. It asks the court to step in "to instruct elected officials that freedom of speech means you cannot silence or punish those with whom you disagree."

Last week, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors passed a resolution calling the NRA a "domestic terrorist organization," contending the NRA spreads propaganda that seeks to deceive the public about the dangers of gun violence. The resolution follows some recent high-profile shootings, including one in Gilroy, California, about 80 miles (129 kilometers) southeast of San Francisco, where a gunman entered a festival with an AK-style long gun, killing three people and injuring 17 before killing himself. Since that shooting on July 28, there have been at least three mass shootings

— in El Paso, Texas; Dayton, Ohio; and in the West Texas towns of Odessa and Midland.

"This action is an assault on all advocacy organizations across the country," said William A. Brewer III, the NRA's lawyer.

"There can be no place in our society for this manner of behavior by government officials. Fortunately,

the NRA, like all U.S. citizens, is protected by the First Amendment."

The NRA has been battling a number of challenges to its operations in recent months, including an investigation by the attorney general in New York, where its charter was formed, and the attorney general in Washington, D.C., where authorities are questioning whether its operations are in violation of its non-profit status.

There also have been internal battles over NRA leadership with the group's then-president, Oliver North, and its top lobbyist, Chris Cox, stepping down, giving gun-rights activists pause about the NRA's ability to hold sway in the upcoming 2020 presidential elections.

Amid the political strife, there have been several recent high-profile mass shootings that appear to be giving gun-control advocates momentum to seek restrictions on firearms. Democrat leaders in Congress on Monday urged President Donald Trump, a favorite of the NRA, to push Republicans to agree to expand background checks, and there have been efforts to make it easier to seize firearms at least temporarily from people who are exhibiting mental health issues.

The San Francisco resolution also follows moves by corporate America in recent years to cut ties with the NRA and its membership — from Delta Airlines ceasing discounts for NRA members to last week's moves by Walmart, CVS, Walgreens and Albertsons chains all asking customers to not openly carry firearms into their stores.□

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Man accused of plotting mass killing wants gun charges nixed

By MICHAEL KUNZELMAN

Associated Press

GREENBELT, Md. (AP) — A federal judge said Monday that he will decide by the end of this week whether to dismiss gun charges against a Coast Guard lieutenant accused of stockpiling combat gear and compiling a hit list of prominent Democrats and TV journalists.

Christopher Hasson, 50, is asking U.S. District Judge George Hazel in Maryland to dismiss three of the four counts in his indictment. The judge didn't immediately rule Monday after hearing testimony from expert witnesses and arguments from attorneys.

Hasson's lawyers argue that two of the four counts in his indictment, both charging him with unlawful possession of firearm silencers, violate his Second Amendment right to bear arms.

Assistant federal public defender Cullen Macbeth said the Second Amendment protects silencers along with firearms and ammunition.

"Courts have given the word 'arms' an expansive interpretation," Macbeth said.

A prosecutor, however, said other courts already have held that the Second Amendment doesn't cover silencers.

"You can use guns just fine without silencers," said Assistant U.S. Attorney Thomas Windom.

Hasson also is charged with possession of firearms by unlawful user or addict of a controlled substance, and illegal possession of tramadol, an opioid painkiller.

Defense attorneys are asking Hazel to dismiss the other gun charge on different grounds.

They haven't sought the pretrial dismissal of the drug

charge, a misdemeanor. Prosecutors have called Hasson a domestic terrorist intent on carrying out a mass killing, but they haven't filed any terrorism-related charges against him since his February arrest.

During a hearing earlier this year, Windom said the government had no doubt that Hasson's arrest prevented bloodshed.

Hasson is a self-described white nationalist who has espoused extremist views for years and "intends to murder innocent civilians on a scale rarely seen in this country," Windom wrote. Hasson also drafted an email in which he said he was "dreaming of a way to kill almost every last person on earth," Windom said.

Public defender Liz Oyer has said prosecutors haven't filed terrorism-related charges against Hasson because they haven't found any evidence to back up those allegations.

She accused prosecutors of seeking to punish Hasson for "private thoughts" that he never shared.

Prosecutors have said Hasson created what appeared to be a computer-spreadsheet hit list that included Democratic presidential hopefuls Sens. Kirsten Gillibrand, Elizabeth Warren, Cory Booker and Kamala Harris. Also mentioned were MSNBC's Chris Hayes and Joe Scarborough and CNN's Chris Cuomo and Van Jones. Hasson also targeted two Supreme Court justices and two social media company executives and searched online for their home addresses in March 2018, within minutes of searching firearm sales websites, according to prosecutors.

Investigators found 15 guns, including seven rifles, and



This Feb. 21, 2019, file photo shows U.S. Attorney Robert Hur, center, of the District of Maryland, speaks as Art Walker, left, special agent from the Coast Guard investigative service, and Gordon Johnson, special agent in charge of the FBI's Baltimore office, listen during a news conference about Coast Guard Lt. Christopher Hasson, outside the federal courthouse in Greenbelt.

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more than 1,000 rounds of ammunition at Hasson's basement apartment in Silver Spring, Maryland. He researched how to make homemade bombs and mortars, studied sniper training and used his government computer to search for information about Nazis and Adolf Hitler, prosecutors said.

The judge didn't hear any testimony or arguments about the government's terrorism-related allegations during Monday's hearing.

A defense expert said gun owners primarily want to use silencers for hearing protection and to increase the accuracy of some firearms.

Macbeth, the public defender, said there is no evidence that silencers are widely used to commit violent crimes.

"Silencers are part of using weapons effectively,"

Macbeth said.

Windom noted that easily acquired items, such as oil filters and flashlights, are used to make homemade silencers.

The prosecutor questioned whether defense attorneys were arguing that those items also merit Second Amendment protection, but Macbeth said they weren't.

"These are all arguments to present to Congress and not the court," Windom said. "The court should not have to be splitting these hairs."

Silencers are regulated by the National Firearms Act. Nearly 1.5 million silencers were registered with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives as of February 2018, up from approximately 285,000 in 2010, according to Hasson's lawyers.

Hasson, a former Marine, worked at Coast Guard headquarters in Washington on a program to acquire advanced new cutters for the agency.

He has remained held in federal custody since his arrest. □

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Italy's Conte wins first confidence vote in Parliament

By FRANCES D'EMILIO

Associated Press

ROME (AP) — Italian Premier Giuseppe Conte on Monday won the first of two mandatory confidence votes on his four-day-old coalition of rival parties, after a day of fielding insults during a boisterous Parliament session from an opposition outraged that Italy got a new government instead of a new election. The 343-263 vote in the lower Chamber of Deputies, with three lawmakers abstaining, was the preamble to Tuesday's vote in the Senate. The vote in the upper chamber promises to be tighter, since the coalition holds only a handful votes more than needed for a simple majority, and any defections in Conte's unnatural coalition could cost him dearly.

Should Conte lose, he must resign. That would make elections this fall all but certain. "I'm satisfied," Conte said of Monday's vote.

Much of Monday's 11-hour-long session in the Chamber of Deputies seemed more like a soccer stadium with frenzied fans than a hall of lawmakers weighing whether to confirm Italy's second government of mismatched partners in 15 months. Practically



Italian Premier Giuseppe Conte shakes hands with Foreign Minister Luigi Di Maio after addressing parliament ahead of confidence vote later at the Lower Chamber in Rome, Monday, Sept. 9, 2019.

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eclipsed in the raucous atmosphere was any debate over Conte's main policy thrust — a government focused on economic growth and determined to keep Europe united.

In the square outside the Chamber, Matteo Salvini, leader of the "Italians first," right-wing League party who brought down Conte's first government, rallied a few thousand supporters who clamored for their say at the ballot box.

Shouts against "robbers of sovereignty" and "elections now" rang out in the crowd. A few wrapped Italy's red-white-and-green flag around them like a shawl.

"Inside, there's the regime that knows it's about to fall and is acting like Marie Antoinette," Salvini told the rally, sarcastically likening Conte's cobbled-together coalition to the tone-deaf attitude of the French queen.

Inside the legislature, the opposition called out "buffoon," "elections, elections" and "sold" to indicate Conte had betrayed voters in a quest for a new mandate.

Conte lobbed his own barbs at Salvini, who abruptly withdrew the League as a partner in the previous government in a bid for an early election that would make him premier and bring him "full powers."

"That every year a leader can think he can bring the country to elections is irresponsible," Conte said.

The premier forged a new coalition last week out of rival parties that have sparred nastily for years — the populist 5-Star Movement that he led in a first coalition and the center-left Democratic Party to replace the League.

Each of the two major partners has been plagued by squabbling, including over whether this marriage of convenience is a good idea.

More than any policy convergence, the alliance of 5-Stars and Democrats mainly hinges on mutual determination to keep out of power Salvini and his anti-migrant League, soaring in opinion polls for months.

The League was Italy's biggest party in European Parliament elections last May, practically doubling in a year its percentage of support from voters.

Conte outsmarted Salvini in forming the alternative coalition, also with the aid of a tiny left-wing party which has one Cabinet minister. Salvini and his allies, including a far-right party with neo-fascist roots, contend Italians deserved to have early elections. □

Moroccan journalist denies charges of illegal abortion

By AMIRA EL MASAITI

Associated Press

RABAT, Morocco (AP) — A judge ruled that a Moroccan journalist remain in custody after she appeared Monday in a packed courtroom on charges that she had an illegal abortion after becoming pregnant while single.

The case has gained attention among journalists and rights groups.

The 28-year-old Hajar Raissouni has been jailed since Aug. 31. She denies having had an abortion and claims she was married to her Sudanese fiancé under Islamic law. The fiancé, a gynecologist and two others also were jailed.

They appeared in court as dozens of protesters gath-



A man carries a banner at a demonstration outside a court in solidarity with detained journalist Hajar Raissouni, in Rabat, Morocco, Monday, Sept. 9, 2019.

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ered outside the courthouse in the Moroccan capital, Rabat, chanting "freedoms are in danger."

The judge on Monday denied Raissouni's temporary

release request.

Abortions are illegal in Morocco as is premarital sex. Raissouni faces up to two years in prison if convicted on all counts.

Raissouni claims she was arrested outside a clinic she visited for an "urgent intervention," not an abortion. "She was not arrested in flagrante delicto. She didn't confess to any crime. But this is the state of our country ... We've reached the level where women's bodies become the subject of public debate," said one of Raissouni's lawyers, Fatiha Chtatou.

Raissouni didn't speak in court Monday, but was expected to when it convenes again over the case on Sept. 16.

She works for the Arabic-language paper *Akhbar Al Yaoum*, a major daily critical of the state. Family members maintain that her arrest was politically

motivated and that she was targeted because she is a journalist who covers a grassroots opposition movement.

Amnesty International has called for Morocco to drop charges and release her.

"Hajar is a victim in all this," her uncle Soulaime Raissouni, a columnist at the paper where she works, said in an interview.

Police reportedly forced Raissouni into a medical exam at the time of her arrest.

"It is a rape of her body. It shows that the state controls the bodies and freedom of a woman," said Ibtissam Lachgar, spokeswoman for the rights group Alternative Movement for Individual Freedoms. □

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End of an era: UK House Speaker John Bercow to step down

By GREGORY KATZ

Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — A colorful era in British parliamentary history is coming to a close with Speaker of the House John Bercow's abrupt announcement Monday that he will leave his influential post by the end of October.

That means he won't be sporting his festive designer ties beneath his solemn robes or clamping down on rude lawmakers with his patented pleas for "orrr-duhhh" from his elevated podium for much longer. His decision to step down is in keeping with the British tradition that a speaker shouldn't serve too many terms. Bercow has been in the powerful post since 2009, and had earned the enmity of many Conservative Party kingpins who, in a break with normal practice, were planning to challenge him at the next election, which is expected shortly.

Bercow's emotional announcement drew sustained applause from the House and heartfelt thanks from friends and foes alike. He shed a few tears and choked up several times as he explained it was time for him to step down, in part because of family obligations.

"Throughout my time as speaker I have sought to increase the relative authority of this legislature for which I will make absolutely no apology to anyone, anywhere, at any time," he said.

He also seemed to warn about weakening Parliament's role at a time when the institution is in conflict



In this Friday, Sept. 6, 2019 file photo, Speaker of the House of Commons John Bercow gestures during a meeting at the G7 parliaments summit, in Brest, western France.

Associated Press

with the prime minister. "We degrade this parliament at our peril," he said. "I have served as a member of Parliament for 22 years, and for the last 10 as speaker. This has been, let me put it explicitly, the greatest privilege and honor of my professional life for which I will be eternally grateful.

It was a rare instance in which opposition Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn and Conservative Cabinet minister Michael Gove agreed, both praising Bercow for his commitment to the democratic process.

"Our democracy is the stronger for your being the speaker. And whatever you do when you finally step down from Parliament, you do so with the thanks of a very large number of people," Corbyn said.

Gove said: "Your commit-

ment to your principles and to your constituents is unwavering and an example to others."

Bercow, 56, began his career as a right-of-center conservative, but gradually morphed into someone perceived as an enemy by the Conservative Party power structure, largely because he was seen as a stout defender of Parliament's rights.

The speaker is supposed to be strictly impartial in the British system, and Bercow resigned from the Conservative Party as expected when he was elected to the post by secret ballot, but he has been outspoken in his criticism of Prime Minister Boris Johnson's decision to suspend Parliament, which is due to take effect later Monday.

He called it a "constitutional outrage." Some said that was a partisan state-

ment, but many longtime Bercow watchers believed it was simply an assertion of his view that Parliament is sovereign and must be respected, not silenced.

Bercow's decision to speak out is consistent with the way he sees his role — protecting the primacy of Parliament from encroachment, either by an overzealous prime minister, an intrusive British judge, or by the European Union.

His last possible day in office is the day when Britain is scheduled to leave the 28-nation EU bloc.

Bercow hasn't taken a public stance on Brexit, but lawmakers looking to leave the EU as quickly as possible tend to view him as an obstacle.

Bercow has played a pivotal role in the seemingly endless debates over Brexit. Bercow determines which amendments will be

voted on and who will be called upon to speak, and uses his position to silence rabble rousers and rule on questions of parliamentary procedure.

He has a long tradition to protect — the speaker's role can be traced back to at least 1377.

There is no question that many of Johnson's allies see Bercow as a foe in the Brexit battle, a perception enhanced perhaps by the fact that his wife's car has an anti-Brexit bumper sticker.

He has been called "Speaker of the Devil" in a front-page headline for challenging the government's position.

Despite the frequent grumbling about his outspoken nature, Bercow has been re-elected to the position twice.

During general elections, speakers generally run unopposed by the major political parties and refrain from taking political stands. They are designated only as "speaker seeking re-election" rather than as representatives of a specific party.

But annoyed Conservative Party leaders had indicated over the weekend they planned to sunder this tradition and challenge Bercow in his home district in an effort to force him out of Parliament.

Bercow has clashed with prior governments as well. He infuriated former Prime Minister Theresa May by making her efforts to bring her defeated Brexit bill back to Parliament more difficult when he ruled she couldn't bring the same bill back for a repeat vote. □

UN atomic watchdog confirms Iran installing new centrifuges

By DAVID RISING

Associated Press

BERLIN (AP) — The United Nations' atomic watchdog confirmed Monday that Iran is preparing to use more advanced centrifuges, another breach of limits set in the country's slowly unraveling nuclear deal with major powers.

Iran had already announced the step, its latest violation of the 2015 agreement as it tries to pressure European signatories to find a way to maintain oil shipments and ease the toll of U.S. sanctions on the Iranian economy.

The International Atomic Energy Agency reported its inspectors verified the installation of new centrifuges. The agency said all had been "prepared for testing" but none yet tested at the time of the Sept. 7-8 inspection.

The nuclear deal was meant to keep Tehran from building atomic weapons — something Iran denies it wants to do — in exchange for economic incentives. Its collapse started with the United States unilaterally withdrawing from the deal last year and imposing increased sanctions.

The other signatories — Britain, France, Germany, China and Russia, as well as the European Union — have been struggling to salvage the agreement and find a way to meet Tehran's demands.

To put pressure on them, Iran has already pushed



Acting Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), Cornel Feruta, addresses the media during a news conference after a meeting of the IAEA board of governors at the International Center in Vienna, Austria, Monday, Sept. 9, 2019.

Associated Press

past limits in the deal, called the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, or JCPOA, on nuclear enrichment purity and stockpiles of enriched uranium.

A centrifuge is a device that enriches uranium by rapidly spinning uranium hexafluoride gas. The IAEA said the ones its inspectors saw included 30 advanced IR-6 and three IR-6s models, as well as multiple IR-4 and IR-5 models.

Under the atomic accord, Iran has been limited to operating 5,060 older-model IR-1 centrifuges.

Asked what the new centrifuges could mean to enhance Iran's ability to enrich uranium, IAEA Acting

Director General Cornel Feruta said "output is not a simple matter" but also it was "not for the agency to judge what these actions will bring."

"We have made it very clear that the role of the agency is to report the facts to members of the JCPOA and also the board," Feruta told reporters in Vienna. Russia's permanent representative to international organizations in Vienna, Mikhail Ulyanov, downplayed the development, saying after Iran revealed its step about centrifuges that the move "shouldn't be overdramatized."

"Yes, it's another deviation from JCPOA, but new ac-

tivities will remain verifiable by IAEA and reversible," he said in a tweet. "No proliferation threat, just a strong signal that balance within the JCPOA must be restored."

Feruta, who returned from Tehran Sunday night, told the agency's board in Vienna on Monday that inspectors on the ground continue "to verify and monitor Iran's nuclear-related commitments under the JCPOA."

He said he emphasized to Iranian authorities "the importance of full and timely cooperation by Iran."

That mirrored a line in a recent IAEA report on Iran that suggested Tehran

wasn't as forthcoming with answering questions as the agency hoped.

"I also stressed the need for Iran to respond promptly to agency questions related to the completeness of Iran's safeguards declarations," Feruta said.

Feruta told reporters the meetings had gone well, "covering a full range of issues in our cooperation, and I was pleased with the tone and the input we received in those conversations."

After the report, China blamed the United States for the situation, and called for world powers to stick to the 2015 deal with Tehran.

"The U.S. should abandon wrong practices such as unilateral sanctions and maximum pressure on Iran," Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying said in Beijing.

French President Emmanuel Macron has been talking both to Washington and Tehran about a proposal to create a \$15 billion line of credit for Iran to entice it to remain in the nuclear deal. German Foreign Ministry spokesman Rainer Breul told reporters that Berlin supports the French president's efforts to resume talks and de-escalate the situation.

"There are confidential conversations among the partners about the specific details," Breul said. "Various news reports are circulating that we won't comment on further." □

Hezbollah says it shot down Israeli drone over south Lebanon

By BASSEM MROUE

Associated Press

BEIRUT (AP) — The Lebanese militant Hezbollah group said it shot down an Israeli drone over southern Lebanon early Monday, shortly after it crossed from Israel amid rising tensions along the border between the two countries in recent weeks. A Hezbollah statement said the drone was downed with "suitable weapons" over the village of Ramieh and that the militants now have it. The statement did not elaborate further.

The Israeli military said a "drone on a routine mission in northern Israel fell," without elaborating on what it was doing nor how it was downed. It said the drone was

"simple" and that there was no risk of a breach of information if it fell into enemy hands. The military said the drone fell Sunday, not Monday, and the reason for the discrepancy was not clear.

Last month, Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah said his group would confront and shoot down any Israeli drones that enter Lebanese airspace, raising the potential for conflict amid heightened tensions.

Nasrallah spoke after authorities said one alleged Israeli drone crashed in a Hezbollah stronghold in southern Beirut, landing on the roof of a building that houses Hezbollah's media office, and another exploded and crashed in a plot behind the building, causing material damage. □



Irish UN peacekeepers use an armored patrol vehicle patrol near the fields struck by Israeli army shells in the southern Lebanese-Israeli border village of Maroun el-Ras, Lebanon, Monday, Sept. 2, 2019.

Associated Press

NKorea mobilizes after typhoon as Tokyo gets hit by storm

By FOSTER KLUG
Associated Press

PYONGYANG, North Korea

(AP) — North Korean state media urged citizens on Monday to "fully mobilize" to rebuild after powerful Typhoon Lingling lashed the country over the weekend, with workers rebuilding electricity networks, salvaging battered crops and helping families whose homes and property were damaged.

Meanwhile, a separate typhoon that blew across the Tokyo area Monday killed one person and caused dozens of injuries while disrupting rush-hour travel and knocking out power. Several railway and subway operators suspended service, and flights were canceled at Tokyo airports as Typhoon Faxai passed over Chiba, a northern suburb of the Japanese capital, before daybreak, shaking homes with strong winds and battering the area with rain.



Beach houses are damaged as typhoon hits the beachfront area in Miura, south of Tokyo, Monday, Sept. 9, 2019.

Government spokesman Yoshihide Suga told reporters that he had received a report of one death and of damage caused by falling trees and wind-blown objects.



In this photo taken Sunday, Sept. 8, 2019, residents of local hostels march with homemade weapons in Johannesburg.

Associated Press

South African attacks on foreign shops continue; 12 dead

By MOGOMOTSI MAGOME
Associated Press

JOHANNESBURG (AP) —

Two people have been killed in Johannesburg, police confirmed Monday, bringing to 12 the number of deaths since violence against foreign-owned shops erupted last month. Bands of South Africans launched violent attacks against foreign-owned shops and stalls, looting and burning the small businesses and attacking some of the shopkeepers. Police spokesman Kay Makhubela confirmed that two people

suspected to be foreigners were killed in the violence Sunday night and said that at least 640 people have been arrested since the violence erupted last week. The nationalities of those killed have not been announced but Nigerians, Ethiopians, Congolese and Zimbabweans have been attacked, according to local media. The attacks appear to be spreading throughout Gauteng, the country's most populous province encompassing the cities of Johannesburg and Pretoria. □

cluding Kaesong, Pongsan, Jaeryong and Paechon, removing toppled telephone poles and steel towers and building emergency electricity networks to use until utilities are fully restored. It said power plants were also elevating their electricity production to support recovery efforts.

Workers and soldiers in major farming areas such as South Hwanghae province and South Pyongan province scrambled to drain flooded fields and rice paddies and tend to fallen rice plants and corn, the newspaper said.

Officials were reported to be "actively pushing" projects to send medicine and other necessities to residents in damaged areas as well as textbooks, notebooks and stationery to students.

Still, Rodong Sinmun added that the damage was "smaller than expected." The storm that hit Japan disrupted morning commutes and knocked over scaffolding, causing damage over a widespread area. □

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He said some 900,000 power failures were also reported.

Earlier, Typhoon Lingling lashed the Korean Peninsula, leaving five people dead in North Korea and three dead in South Korea. North Korea's official Rodong Sinmun newspaper said strong winds and

rain damaged hundreds of homes and dozens of public buildings and caused problems for crops on 46,200 hectares (114,000 acres) of farm land. Rodong Sinmun said officials and workers were engaged in an "intense struggle" to repair power systems in several towns, in-

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Hondurans feel fate of their unpopular president lies in US

By CHRISTOPHER SHERMAN

Associated Press

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras (AP) — In a closet-sized underground hip-hop studio in one of the deadliest neighborhoods in Honduras' capital, Leonardo Sierra believes nothing will change in his country until the United States decides it should.

In the 28-year-old's assessment, it is Washington — fearing a leftist alternative in this Central American country important to U.S. drug and migration policy — that is keeping unpopular President Juan Orlando Hernández propped up even as U.S. prosecutors call him a co-conspirator in his brother's drug-trafficking case and protesters call for him to step down.

From the depths of Tegucigalpa's gang-controlled La Travesía neighborhood to the halls of the nation's congress, Hondurans wonder how long the U.S. government can stick with Hernández. While their president jets off to Washington for meetings and photo ops, average Hondurans are glued to the slow drip of revelations coming from a federal courthouse in Manhattan.

Hernández has said the allegations in the U.S. come from drug traffickers seeking revenge against him, but U.S. prosecutors promise will provide evidence in a trial scheduled for October showing that Hernández harnessed his brother's drug-trafficking connections to propel his own political fortunes.

"Particularly in this country the influence of the United States is decisive," said Raul Pineda Alvarado, a political analyst and former three-term congressman from Hernández's National Party.

If the U.S. decides Hernández is more trouble than he is worth his days will be numbered; if it doesn't, he could finish his term, Pineda said. Many Hondurans still cite the U.S. government's decision to not pressure for the restoration of left-leaning President Manuel Zelaya when he was ousted



Soldiers patrol Tegucigalpa, Honduras, late Wednesday, Aug. 21, 2019.

Associated Press

in a 2009 coup as a demonstration of its role as king-maker in Honduras.

The State Department said in a response to written questions that the naming of Hernández as a co-conspirator by federal prosecutors did not constitute criminal charges. "Conversations with current heads of state are a routine part of diplomacy," its statement added. "We have a range of diplomatic issues that are important to address for the benefit of both our countries."

In the past year, President Donald Trump has repeatedly bashed the Honduran government for not doing more to keep its people from migrating. He suspended some aid and the U.S. continues to pressure Honduras to at least make it more difficult for migrants from other countries to cross its territory even if it can't stop its own from leaving.

But Honduras remains a critical, if inconsistent, ally in the drug war. And, ironically, the extradition of drug capos to the U.S. under Hernández could have helped build the case against his brother.

U.S. prosecutors say Hernández took \$1.5 million in trafficking proceeds for his campaign to win the presidency in 2013. Once in the presidency, Hernández could allegedly pro-

tect drug traffickers that his brother Tony was helping move tons of cocaine toward the United States, U.S. prosecutors said.

Hernández points to the two dozen drug traffickers extradited to the U.S. under his administration as proof that he was not working with them. He did not grant an interview request.

Three days after Hernández was labeled a co-conspirator last month, the top U.S. diplomat in Honduras tweeted that he had met with Hernández "to reaffirm the collaboration and cooperation between the U.S. and Honduras on important bilateral issues." Hernández included that tweet in a press release defending himself.

A survey by pollster CID/Gallup conducted May 6-14 said 64% of Hondurans disapproved of Hernández's performance in office. It said the poll had a margin of error of three percentage points.

Hernández has suffered a credibility crisis since Honduras' Supreme Court cleared the way for his re-election despite a constitutional ban. His subsequent 2017 election win was marred by irregularities. The dissatisfaction has increased even though the economy has grown moderately and Honduras' homicide rate fell from a dizzyingly high 86.5 per

100,000 residents in 2011 to 41.4 last year.

Despite the improved numbers, the country remains among the world's deadliest, is home to Latin America's highest inequality rate and sees its citizens pouring out decrying systemic corruption, a lack of jobs and the hyper-violent gangs that maintain a stranglehold on many communities. But Hernández's party and allies control the congress and he holds the military's support, enabling him to resist popular pressure to step down. Anti-Hernández protesters in June burned tires and barricaded key highways, clashed with security forces and ransacked stores.

"Right now there is protest, there is a strong, solid, overwhelming rejection (of the president), but there isn't the political component of the consent of the United States government," said Pineda.

While Hernández stays in office, Hondurans will continue to flee the country, said former President Porfirio Lobo, his predecessor for the National Party.

"For Honduras to advance and move forward (Hernández) has to step aside," at least while an investigation into the allegations proceeds, Lobo said. Hondurans feel the U.S. is holding back out of fear of who could replace Hernández.

It is not an unfounded concern considering that Lobo is also named a co-conspirator in the case against Hernández's brother and that Zelaya has faced his own corruption allegations.

Salvador Nasralla, a well-known television sports commentator who ran on an anti-corruption platform, lost the November 2017 election to Hernández. Nasralla held the lead when officials said a computer glitch stopped vote counting. When it came back to life hours later, his lead quickly evaporated, causing many to suspect electoral fraud, something the government denies.

As an outsider candidate, Nasralla appealed to Hondurans fed up with the country's traditional parties, but he also allied with Zelaya's LIBRE party. That was a mistake, Nasralla says now, "because the main thing for the United States is that Honduras doesn't have a leftist government."

The U.S. government's interests in Honduras start with battling drug trafficking. The country's geography and weak institutions have made it a major transshipment point for South American cocaine. The U.S. Southern Command maintains close relationships with Honduras' military brass and the U.S. military has an important presence at the Soto Cano Air Base north of Tegucigalpa.

There are important business interests here as well, starting with U.S. fruit companies whose historic presence and influence spurred the label "banana republic." During June's protests led by doctors, nurses and teachers, a convoy of several dozen tractor trailers hauling bananas for a Dole Food subsidiary was looted and set on fire.

Jorge Cálix, a lawmaker from Zelaya's party who has declared himself a candidate for the 2019 presidential election, said that each time it seemed Hernández might be on the ropes he appeared for meetings in Washington or at the U.S. Embassy. □

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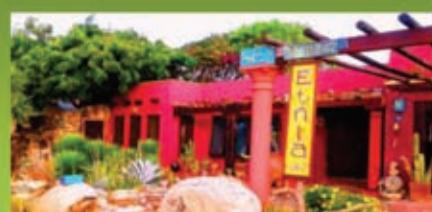
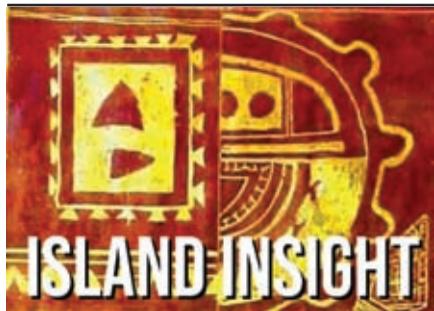
sonable, thus giving our clientele an alternative to our establishment Asi es mi Peru. And not to forget: the Pollo a la Brasa has a take-out option too." Jan continues giving an example of a table of eight persons that came to eat-in and left happy because of the quality of the chicken and side dishes as well as with the bill. "It is ideal for families with children, kids love roasted chicken. Normally it comes with a fresh garden salad and fries, but we offer as well 'chaufa' (Peru's version of Chinese Fried Rice) and other side dishes. There will be more surprises in the future. Original combos with Inca cola, very well-known in Peru, are on the menu. We just opened and we already sense that it is a niche we found." To make the happy meal complete there is home-made ice-cream, for sure a hit with the little ones.

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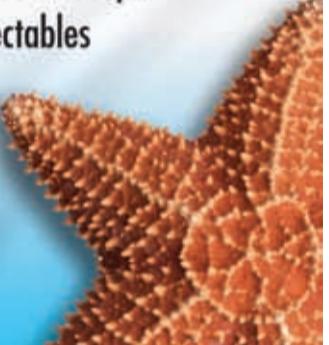
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Managing unique values as economic essentials

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We emphasized the on issues such as loyal return visitor complaints, native Aruban's dissatisfaction with product saturation. Loss of charm from the moment the Aruban friendliness in services and attention has been substituted by cheaper imported labor force, add to that the destruction of nature and ecosystems, the dramatic demographic growth and influx of migrants and illegal aliens. All this devalues the quality of service; elevates taxes, affects spending, the economy and life as a whole.

Our goal as a privately operated cultural awareness and advocates of consciousness starts every morning at our atelier, promotion, encouragement and education regarding these valuable assets to protect as mother seed for renewal and reinvention. Get involved and participate in one our mind-opening sessions regarding the Aruba experience. Our small building and garden stands on 880m² piece of land at Westpunt. Here we exhibit historical, as well as native Aruban inspired artworks and artifacts. Follow our guided tours conducted by its founder and curator, using art works, objects and artifacts to tell the story of Aruba. Uncover nature and island culture, through a educative and mind-opening session for the bohemian soul, the adventurous in spirit and those interested in acquiring insular knowledge. Interact and be contaminated with a good predisposition to share our concern in conserving your fragile travel destination. □



Lateral entrance

Painting performance by Gustave Nouel in Holland



DEVENTER — During 'Art Circuit open' (www.kunstcircuit.nl), from September 9-14, many Art disciplines will present themselves in Deventer, with promotional high-level trial classes and performances of music, dance, theatre, Art and much more. In the foyer of Art Circuit will also be an exhibition of some famous teachers /artists that work together with 'Art Circuit'.

On Wednesday September 11th in the foyer of the 'Art Circuit', (one of the largest and most important cultural centres of the region), Aruban painter Gustave Nouel, will give a portrait painting demonstration. Groningen artist Chretien Goos will also give a still life painting demonstration this same evening. Together with artist Hajo Snater and a group of fellow artists associated with Art Circuit and the best students of Gustave Nouel, they will be making street-sketches of the public.

There will also be live model sketching given to everyone interested in a separate space next to the foyer. The professional artists Gustave Nouel, Chretien Goos and Hajo Snater will guide the interested public as necessary or desired. The public is also welcome just to spectate and enjoy free cheese and (French) wine, during this 'creative evening in French spheres' ... (a la Montmartre)

The new Tuesday night course on



street sketching and painting for all levels of the well-known artist Gustave Nouel is starting with a free first lesson during "Art Circuit open", on Tuesday, September 10th from 19:15 to 21:15. In the city of Deventer where the Gustave Nouel lives, he will share his expertise and will show his art in exhibitions at all levels.

Art Circuit itself will be showing some of his paintings in the foyer. Here the famous Aruban professional Gustave Nouel gives performances, workshops and / or exhibitions, nationally and internationally at all levels, often as a special invited artist. □

For more information on this event please check <https://kunstexpo.eu/live-demonstraties-en-spoedcursus-straat-portretten-tijdens-kunstexpo-eindhoven/>

The Aruba Tourism Authority honor loyal visitors on the island

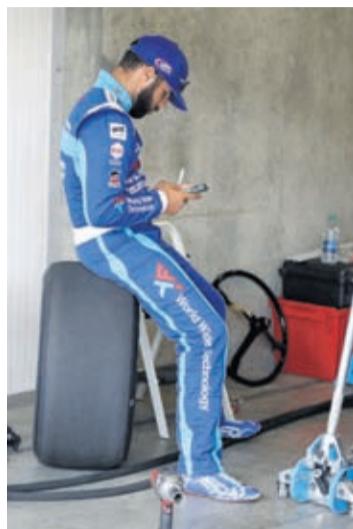


EAGLE BEACH — Recently, Marouska Heyliger of the Aruba Tourism Authority had the great pleasure to honor Aruba's loyal and friendly visitors as Goodwill Ambassadors. This certificate is presented on behalf of the Minister of Tourism, as a token of appreciation to the guests who visit Aruba 30 years and more consecutively.

The honorees were Edwin and Joselyn Supriana have been coming to the island for 32 consecutive years. The Supriana's love coming to the island for the friendly people, warm weather, beautiful sites and feeling of home away from home.

Ms. Heyliger together with the representatives of the Playa Linda Beach Resort presented the certificates to the honorees, handed over some presents and also thanked them for choosing Aruba as their favorite vacation destination and as their home-away-from-home. □

SPORTS



Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series driver Bubba Wallace looks at his phone before practice for the NASCAR Brickyard 400 auto race at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, Saturday, Sept. 7, 2019 in Indianapolis.

Associated Press

Drivers left out of playoffs still fighting to achieve goals

By MICHAEL MAROT
AP Sports Writer

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Jimmie Johnson made one thing perfectly clear when he walked out of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway's infield medical center. He might be out of the playoffs but his season is not over.

"I think everybody can see the performance is on its way up," Johnson said Sunday after a late crash ended his last-ditch hope of making the 16-car field. "Just keep drilling that and trying to get ourselves higher in points and then also back to victory lane."

It certainly would be a start. Of course, Johnson can always use more time getting acclimated to his second crew chief of the season, Cliff Daniels.

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HIGH WATTAGE



Jaguars lose Foles indefinitely, lose home opener to Chiefs

Kansas City Chiefs' Armani Watts, top, leaps high over Jacksonville Jaguars' Andrew Wingard (42) to grab an onside kick during the second half of an NFL football game, Sunday, Sept. 8, 2019, in Jacksonville, Fla.

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Bianca Andreescu, of Canada, poses with the US Open women's singles championship trophy at Top of the Rock, Sunday, Sept. 8, 2019, in New York.

Associated Press

U.S. Open champ Andreescu is WTA's No. 5; Medvedev 4th in ATP

By HOWARD FENDRICH

AP Tennis Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — A year ago at this time, Bianca Andreescu was ranked outside the WTA's top 200 after losing in the first round of U.S. Open qualifying. Look at her now.

Thanks to winning her first Grand Slam title at Flushing Meadows, Andreescu jumped 10 spots to a career-high No. 5 in the rankings on Monday, while Ash Barty again replaced Naomi Osaka at No. 1. Andreescu's 6-3, 7-5 victory over Serena Williams in the final on Saturday continued the 19-year-old Canadian's rapid rise from 178th at the end of last season. She is the first woman in the Open era, which began in 1968, to win the U.S. Open in her main-draw debut at the tournament. This was only her fourth career appearance at any Slam.

"I don't think I was ever as composed as I am now, or even a year ago. I would get really down on myself and I would get very negative thoughts going through my mind. I would smash rackets. I'd just yell at myself during matches. Actually not even during matches, even during practice, too," Andreescu said.

"But I found that that way wasn't working to my advantage at all. So I started ... seeking some advice from other people," she said. "Ever since then, I've been trying to have a very positive outlook on every-

thing. I think that's really been helping me, even in tough situations."

Williams, a 23-time Grand Slam champion, slid from No. 8 to No. 9 after losing in the U.S. Open final for the second consecutive year — and finishing as the runner-up for the fourth time in the past six majors. Osaka, the 2018 champion in New York, and Barty both lost in the fourth round. That allowed Barty to move up from No. 2, and Osaka dropped to No. 4. Barty already briefly was No. 1 after winning the French Open in June for her first major championship.

Karolina Pliskova is No. 2, and Elina Svitolina is No. 3. Three Americans made big moves in Monday's rankings: 15-year-old Coco Gauff went up 34 places to 106th after reaching the third round before losing to Osaka, Kristie Ahn moved up 48 to 93rd and Taylor Townsend rose 33 to 83rd. U.S. Open men's champion Rafael Nadal stayed at No. 2 in the ATP rankings and closed the gap between him and No. 1 Novak Djokovic, the defending champion who exited in the fourth round.

Runner-up Daniil Medvedev is up to a personal-best No. 4 from No. 5 after reaching his first Grand Slam final, where he erased a big early deficit and pushed Nadal to five sets before losing to the Spaniard 7-5, 6-3, 5-7, 4-6, 6-4 in a match Sunday that lasted nearly five hours. □



NASCAR driver Jimmie Johnson (48) makes contact with Kurt Busch (1) in the second turn during the NASCAR Brickyard 400 auto race at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, Sunday, Sept. 8, 2019, in Indianapolis.

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Drivers

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Still, that doesn't make it any easier to accept the results for Johnson — or anyone else left out.

"It wasn't for a lack of effort," Daniel Suarez said. "We just didn't have things play in our way. In the last pit stop cycle, the caution came out after we pitted (or) one lap after, and that was important. That was not a position that we wanted to be in."

Suarez started Sunday even with Ryan Newman in points and holding the tiebreaker. Things went wrong quickly.

Suarez's first big hit came when the No. 41 Ford brushed the wall, forcing him to pit just 12 laps into the Brickyard 400. He spent the rest of the race trying to work his way back up even when he thought others, such as Matt Tifft, got in his way. Tifft was knocked out of the race with 13 laps to go after hitting the wall in the first turn.

Suarez contended Tifft, whose postseason fate was sealed long before the Brickyard, blocked his faster car for at least four laps before the crash

— costing him an opportunity to pick up precious spots and points.

The result: Suarez finished four points short of becoming the first Mexico-born driver to make the playoff field.

Teammate Clint Bowyer clinched the No. 15 qualifying spot. Bowyer and Suarez race for Stewart-Haas Racing, and Suarez, like Johnson, still wants to win.

"We're still racing," Suarez said. "I feel like as a team we have to keep getting better. Yeah, we're not in the playoffs, but we have plenty of things to (clean) up. If we can win a race that would be like making the playoffs or even better."

Then there's Bubba Wallace, who flirted with the win. His only previous career top-five finish came in the 2018 Daytona 500 when he wound up second to Austin Dillon. Wallace's best finish this season had come at Bristol last month when he was 14th and well out of playoff contention.

Somehow, as the laps piled up, Wallace continued to move up. He finished a distant third

behind race winner Kevin Harvick and runner-up Joey Logano, allowing Newman to take the final playoff spot.

Unlike Johnson and Suarez, the 25-year-old Wallace was beaming with pride.

"It's a confidence booster, a mentality booster, knowing we can run with these guys when all is on the line," Wallace said.

"We needed this. We needed this weekend." And now Wallace, Johnson, Suarez and all the other drivers who failed to make the playoff will now adjust their championship plans and focus on building momentum that could put them back in playoff position next year.

"It's pretty impressive the run we've been on, to be in the playoffs for many consecutive years. I'm not sure who is close," Johnson said.

"Sure, we wanted to continue it, but the goal is to win a race. The team is getting stronger each and every week. Cliff Daniels is doing an amazing job. We're ready to roll. We'll dust ourselves off and go to Vegas and try to get a trophy." □

Clevinger gets 10th straight win, Indians beat Twins 5-2

By The Associated Press

Mike Clevinger (11-2) allowed two runs and four hits in 6 1/3 innings to win his 10th straight decision, and Cleveland closed within 5 1/2 games of AL Central-leading Minnesota and remained 1 1/2 games behind Oakland for the second wild card.

Brad Hand pitched around a walk and a hit batter in the ninth for his 34th save. Franmil Reyes hit a two-run single in the second off Randy Dobnak (0-1). Carlos Santana homered against Devin Smeltzer in the third and Francisco Lindor went deep in the fifth for a 4-1 lead.

RAYS 8, BLUE JAYS 3

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP)

— Tyler Glasnow struck out five over two innings in his return from a four-month layoff caused by a strained right forearm. Tampa Bay's four-game sweep left the Blue Jays as the fifth major league team on pace to lose 100 games.

Austin Meadows and Avisail García homered for the Rays, who remained one game ahead of Oakland for the top AL wild card.

Toronto has lost seven straight, its longest skid since April 2017. At 55-89, the Blue Jays are on pace to lose 100 games for the first time since 1977-79, their first three seasons. Detroit, Baltimore, Miami and Kansas City also are on pace to lose 100 games. The most teams to finish with 100 losses was four in 2002.

Trevor Richards (5-12) allowed one hit in 2 2/3 innings scoreless innings. Jacob Waguespack (4-4) gave up six runs in seven hits in 4 1/3 innings.

YANKEES 10, RED SOX 5

BOSTON (AP) — Gleyber

Torres, Mike Tauchman, Aaron Judge hit home runs as New York broke the franchise record for homers in a season in a win over Boston.

The Yankees won for the fourth time in five games and improved to 94-50, keeping pace with Houston for the top record in the majors.

The Yankees entered the game two homers shy of



Cleveland Indians left fielder Greg Allen makes a running catch against the Minnesota Twins in the ninth inning during a baseball game Sunday, Sept. 8, 2019, in Minneapolis.

the club record of 267, set last year. Torres' two-run shot in the second was No. 266, Tauchman went deep with a man on in the fourth and Judge added the record-breaker by leading off the fifth with his 21st of the season.

Torres went 3 for 5 with four RBIs. His 35th homer moved him one ahead of Gary Sánchez for the club lead. Jackie Bradley Jr. and Mookie Betts homered for the Red Sox, who lost for the third time in four games. Boston fell eight games behind Oakland for the second AL wild-card spot with only 19 games remaining.

Chad Green (3-4) pitched

three perfect innings of relief for New York and got the victory. Rick Porcello (12-12) lasted just four innings for Boston, which used eight pitchers before it was finally over.

ATHLETICS 3, TIGERS 1

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) —

Sean Manaea (1-0) matched his career high by striking out 10 in his second start following shoulder surgery, and Oakland gave Detroit its first 100-loss season since 2003.

Manaea (1-0) allowed two hits over seven innings and has a 0.75 ERA after two starts. Yusmeiro Petit pitched around a walk in

the eighth and Liam Hendriks threw a perfect ninth for his 19th save, completing a two-hitter.

Khris Davis had a two-run double for Oakland.

At 42-100, Detroit is headed to its poorest record since going 43-119 in 2003.

Detroit starter Daniel Norris (3-12) was removed after three innings for his sixth straight start, part of the Tigers' plan to limit his workload.

ASTROS 21, MARINERS 1

HOUSTON (AP) — Gerrit

Cole (16-5) celebrated his 29th birthday by allowing one hit with 15 strikeouts in a season-high eight innings and winning his 12th straight decision. He joined Pedro Martinez as the only pitchers in major league history with 14 or more strikeouts in three straight games. Cole leads the major league with a career-high 281 strikeouts.

Chris Devenski struck out two in a perfect ninth, finishing a series in which Houston outscored the Mariners 41-15 in a four-game sweep.

Félix Hernández (1-6) tied his career high, allowing 11 runs. He lasted just two-plus innings and gave up seven hits.

Jake Marisnick and George Springer homered,

Associated Press

and rookie Yordan Álvarez had six RBIs and hit three of Houston's team-record 11 doubles. The Astros are 16-1 against Seattle this year, winning 11 in a row.

MARLINS 9, ROYALS 0

MIAMI (AP) — Sandy Alcantara (5-12) threw a four-hitter and became the first Marlins pitcher with two shutouts in his rookie season since Dontrelle Willis in 2003.

Starlin Castro hit his 18th home run and drove in two

Promoter files 2nd lawsuit vs U.S. Soccer over sanctioning

By RONALD BLUM

AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — A promoter filed a federal antitrust lawsuit against the U.S. Soccer Federation over the governing body's refusal to sanction international league matches in the United States, a case similar in some aspects to an action launched last spring in New York state court.

The new suit was filed Monday in U.S. District Court in Manhattan by Relevent Sports, a company owned by Miami Dolphins owner Stephen Ross. Relevent is now represented by Jeffrey Kes-

ler, the lawyer retained by members of the U.S. women's national team in their wage and gender discrimination lawsuit against the USSF.

Relevent sued in New

York Supreme Court after the USSF refused to sanction a league match between Ecuador's Barcelona and Guayaquil on May 5 at Miami Gardens, Florida. The USSF cited an Oct. 26 announcement by FIFA that its ruling council "emphasized the sporting principle that official league matches must be played within the territory of the respective member association." □

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Red Sox part ways with baseball boss Dave Dombrowski

By JIMMY GOLEN
AP Sports Writer

BOSTON (AP)—Dave Dombrowski built World Series champions in Florida and Boston in a 40-year career in baseball and also helped the Detroit Tigers reach the Series twice.

He's also pretty experienced at what happens after that.

The Red Sox parted ways with Dombrowski shortly after midnight Monday, less than a year after winning the World Series. In three years as the team's president of baseball operations, he took the team from back-to-back last-place finishes to three straight AL East titles.

That reign could end as soon as Monday night with a loss to the New York Yankees in the series finale.

"Four years ago, we were faced with a critical decision about the direction of the franchise," Red Sox owner John Henry said in a statement Monday. "With

a World Series championship and three consecutive American League East titles, he has cemented what was already a Hall of Fame career."

The news was first announced after a 10-5 loss to the Yankees while most of the city's attention was focused on the New England Patriots' season-opening victory over Pittsburgh and the unveiling of a sixth Super Bowl banner.

A statement emailed to reporters later Monday quoted the team's top brass but said there would be "no formal media availability" to discuss the move less than a year after the team won the World Series.

It was nothing new to Dombrowski, who has also been fired from the White Sox and Tigers. He did not immediately respond to a text message seeking comment.

"Dave will hold a special place in franchise history as a key architect of one of

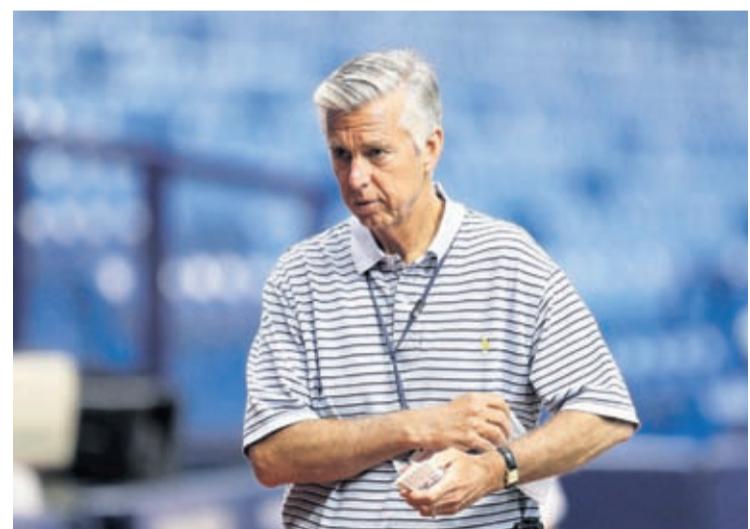
the greatest Red Sox teams ever assembled," co-owner Tom Werner was quoted as saying.

"His willingness to make bold moves helped deliver our fourth World Series championship in the 21st century."

A veteran baseball executive who worked in front offices in Chicago and Montreal before winning a championship in Miami and helping the Tigers win two AL pennants, the 63-year-old Dombrowski was brought in to steady the Red Sox front office in 2015 while the team stumbled.

The Red Sox followed with three straight AL East titles — a first in franchise history — and won a club-record 108 games last season en route to their fourth World Series championship since 2004.

But this year's team — with largely the same roster as last year's — has gone 76-67, losing five of their first



This March 30, 2018, file photo shows Dave Dombrowski, President of Baseball Operations for the Boston Red Sox, before a baseball game between the Tampa Bay Rays and the Red Sox in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Associated Press

"I just found out, so, surprised and shocked, obviously," said Red Sox manager Alex Cora, who was hired by Dombrowski before the 2018 season.

"He gave me a chance to come here and be a big league manager. It's one of those that they just told me, so I'm not ready to talk about it." □

Lorenzen's 9th-inning pinch double lifts Reds over D-Backs

By The Associated Press

CINCINNATI (AP) — Relief pitcher Michael Lorenzen lined a game-ending, pinch-hit double in the ninth inning to lift the Cincinnati Reds over Arizona Diamondbacks 4-3 Sunday and stop the Diamondbacks' five-game winning streak.

Lorenzen became the first Cincinnati pitcher with a walk-off hit since Randy Keisler in May 2005. It was Lorenzen's fifth career pinch hit and occurred four days after the reliever became the first player since Babe Ruth in 1921 to homer, play the outfield and earn a victory on the mound in the same game.

Pinch-hitter José Peraza and Phillip Ervin singled with one out off Yoan López (2-6) before Lorenzen delivered against T.J. McFarland. Arizona lost for the second time in the 13 games and remained 1½ games behind the Cubs for the second NL wild card. Eugenio Suárez homered twice and has 44, one behind leaders Mike Trout and Pete Alonso. Raisel Iglesias (3-11) pitched the ninth.

CARDINALS 2, PIRATES 0

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Jack Flaherty (10-7) scattered five hits over eight innings and struck out 10 to help St. Louis widen its NL Central lead to 4½ games over the second-place Cubs.

Flaherty won for the sixth time in eight starts and dropped his post All-Star break ERA to 0.76. Carlos Martínez worked a perfect ninth for his 19th save. St.



Cincinnati Reds' Michael Lorenzen hits a game-winning RBI double off Arizona Diamondbacks relief pitcher T.J. McFarland in the ninth inning of a baseball game, Sunday, Sept. 8, 2019, in Cincinnati.

Louis has won eight of 11 overall. Pittsburgh rookie James Marvel (0-1) gave up two runs and five hits over five-plus innings in his first major league start. Carlos Martínez worked a perfect ninth for his 19th save as St. Louis finished the season series 14-5.

NATIONALS 9, BRAVES 4

ATLANTA (AP) — Max Scherzer (10-5) won for the first time in two months, Juan Soto homered and Washington stopped Atlanta's nine-game winning streak, the Braves' longest in five years.

Scherzer (10-5) allowed one run and two hits in six innings with nine strikeouts. He had not gotten a decision in four starts since beating Kansas City on July 6, a

span that included nearly a month on the injured list because of a bad back.

Yan Gomes homered twice, and Adam Eaton and Asdrúbal Cabrera each had three RBIs to help Washington end a four-game skid. The Nationals are nine games back of the NL East-leading Braves but opened a three-game lead over the Cubs for the top NL wild card.

Mike Soroka (11-4) gave up

four runs and seven hits in six innings.

PHILLIES 10, METS 7

NEW YORK (AP) — Maikel Franco, Scott Kingery and Adam Haseley homered as Philadelphia overcame a 3-0 deficit and closed within two games of Chicago for the second NL wild-card

spot. The Mets stayed four back of the Cubs.

The game took 4 hours, 29 minutes — a minute short of matching the longest nine-inning game in NL history. Bryce Harper drew a bases-loaded walk as a pinch-hitter, capping a three-run seventh to put the Phillies ahead 10-6. That came shortly after a sensational catch by right fielder Sean Rodríguez preserved a slim lead. Ranger Suárez (5-1) got two outs for the win and Héctor Neris closed for his 24th save. Paul Sewald (0-1) took the loss.

BREWERS 8, CUBS 5

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Tyler Austin drove a pinch-hit, three-run homer during the a five-run fourth against Jon Lester (12-10), and Mil-

waukee pulled within two games of the Cubs. Staked to a 3-1 lead, Lester (12-10) allowed RBI hits to Ryan Braun and Hernan Perez before Austin's fourth pinch homer this season.

Lester allowed eight runs, seven hits and three walks in 5 1/3 innings.

Brent Suter (1-0) gave up one hit in two scoreless innings, and Josh Hader struck out two batters for his 29th save. Chicago's Addison Russell was hit in the face by a 94 mph fastball from Adrian Houser in the third and left in the middle of the inning. He had a bruised nose and was under evaluation for a possible concussion.

DODGERS 5, GIANTS 0

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Corey Seager and Matt Beaty homered off Dereck Rodriguez (5-9) as Los Angeles (93-52) cut its magic number to clinch the NL West to two. Kenta Maeda (9-8) gave up one hit and struck out six during four innings of relief, and four pitchers completed a four-hitter. Giants manager Bruce Bochy was on the bench for the last time in a game at Dodger Stadium. He finished 107-108 in the ballpark and has the most victories of any visiting manager there.

PADRES 2, ROCKIES 1

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Wil Myers singled off Yency Almonte with one out in the 10th to drive in Manny Machado, who walked against Jesús Tinoco (0-2). Craig Stammen (8-7) pitched a perfect 10th for the win. □

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WNBA rescinds technical against Sky's Ndour for ref contact

By DOUG FEINBERG
AP Basketball Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The WNBA has rescinded a technical foul against Chicago forward Astou Ndour, who was ejected for making contact with an official during the Sky's loss to Washington on Sunday.

With 3:02 left in the second quarter, Ndour, whose first language isn't English, reached out to try to talk to referee Kevin Fahy, gesturing with her right arm and stopping him.

Video shows Fahy looking shocked at being touched gently in the side, then emphatically giving Ndour a technical and ejection.

According to WNBA rules, any player who makes intentional physical contact with an official is automatically ejected from the game.

Ndour, who was born in Senegal and has played for Spain's national team, took to Twitter after the game to say she disagreed with the call but respected the

decision. The WNBA also disagreed.

It said in a statement Monday: "After a league review, we have determined that the technical foul against Chicago's Astou Ndour should not have been assessed."

The Sky were happy with the league's decision. Had the ejection stood, Ndour would have been forced to sit out Chicago's playoff game against Phoenix on Wednesday night because league rules dictate that contact

with an official carries a minimum one-game suspension.

"We are very pleased with the WNBA's decision to rescind the technical foul and ejection of Astou Ndour," Chicago coach and GM James Wade said.

"I would like to thank all the players and coaches who reached out and were supportive as well as the fans who spoke out and had our back — we truly appreciate that. That is why this is the best league in the world. Now we're focused on the playoffs." □



Chiefs beat Jaguars, lose Hill; Jags lose Foles (shoulder)

By The Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) —

Despite losing star receiver Tyreek Hill early, Patrick Mahomes threw for 378 yards and three touchdowns while leading the Kansas City Chiefs to a testy and tactful 40-26 victory over the injury-riddled Jacksonville Jaguars on Sunday.

Mahomes took a beating and even had to leave the game to get his left ankle taped in the second quarter. He nonetheless looked every bit as good as he did during last year's MVP campaign, leading the Chiefs to scores on each of their first seven possessions.

Jacksonville lost quarterback Nick Foles to a broken left clavicle.

Sammy Watkins caught nine passes for a career-high 198 yards and three TDs. Watkins slipped through the middle of Jacksonville's defense for a 68-yard score on the third play of the season and added a 49-yard TD reception late in the opening quarter. He made defenders Ronnie Harrison, Jalen Ramsey and Miles Jack look silly while strolling into the end zone twice. He beat Ramsey again for a short TD in the fourth period.

Jacksonville had major issues on both sides of the ball, fairly reminiscent of last year's 16-point loss at Arrowhead Stadium in Week 5. This one may have been more of a debacle—and more costly.

Mahomes picked apart what some believed is an elite defense, throwing for 313 yards in the first half and doing most of it without Hill. The three-time Pro Bowler departed after landing on his left shoulder near the sideline. But considerably more concerning for the Jaguars, they lost Foles in the opening quarter, and



Kansas City Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes (15) fumbles the ball as he is tackled by Jacksonville Jaguars defensive end Yannick Ngakoue, left, defensive end Josh Allen (41) and defensive end Calais Campbell (93) during the first half of an NFL football game, Sunday, Sept. 8, 2019, in Jacksonville, Fla.

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rookie linebacker Quincy Williams (knee) in the second half.

Chris Jones hit Foles as he released a 35-yard TD pass to DJ Chark. Jones landed on top of Foles, but did not draw a flag. Foles looked to be in pain as he walked to the sideline to be evaluated. He then jogged into the locker room and did not return.

PATRIOTS 33, STEELERS 3

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP) —

A day after the acquiring former Pittsburghs malcontent Antonio Brown, defending Super Bowl champions New England showed it might not even need him, getting 341 yards and three touchdown passes from 42-year-old Tom Brady.

Phillip Dorsett caught two touchdown passes, including a 58-yard score, and Josh Gordon — another disgruntled receiver who wore out his welcome elsewhere — caught one TD pass. On the night New England unveiled its sixth NFL championship banner, Super Bowl MVP Julian Edelman caught six passes for 83 yards and also completed a throw to help the Patriots begin their quest for back-to-back titles.

Facing the last team to beat them, the Patriots opened a 20-0 lead before Pittsburgh kicked a field goal on fourth-and-goal from the 1 with 10:17 left in the third quarter. Brady responded with a 58-yard touchdown pass to Dorsett and a 27-3 lead. Dorsett, who will be moving down the depth chart Monday when the Patriots make Brown's signing official, had four catches for 95 yards and the first multi-score game of his career.

Pittsburgh's Ben Roethlisberger completed 27 of 47 passes for 277 yards and an interception.

LIONS 27, CARDINALS 27, OT

GLENDALE, Ariz. (AP) —

Kyler Murray and the Cardinals nearly finished an improbable comeback in the rookie's debut, rallying from an 18-point deficit in the fourth quarter to tie the game. The Cardinals had two chances to win in extra time and so did the Lions, but all they could do was trade field goals and settle for a tie. It was a strange ending to a thrilling game. Arizona's new-look offense under first-year coach Kliff Kingsbury was a dud for

most of the afternoon before inexplicably coming alive in the fourth quarter. Murray hit David Johnson for a 27-yard touchdown to pull the Cardinals within 24-16 with less than six minutes remaining. After the defense stopped the Lions, the top overall draft pick was at it again, leading a nine-play, 60-yard drive to a 4-yard touchdown throw to Larry Fitzgerald. Murray found Christian Kirk on the 2-point conversion to tie it with 43 seconds remaining. Murray was 15 of 19 for 154 yards and two touchdowns during the fourth-quarter comeback. Overall, he was 29 of 54 or 308 yards, two touchdowns and an interception.

It was a stunning collapse for Detroit, which looked totally in control until midway through the fourth period. The Lions took a 17-0 lead during the second quarter and had a 17-3 advantage at halftime.

TITANS 43, BROWNS 13

CLEVELAND (AP) — Marcus Mariota threw three touchdown passes — one a stunning 75-yarder to big back Derrick Henry — and the Browns fell flat on their faces in their highly anticipated opener.

Titans tight end Delanie Walker had two TD catches in the fourth, and Tennessee's defensive backs intercepted Baker Mayfield three times in the fourth period.

Cameron Wake sacked Mayfield in the end zone for a safety in the first half, and the Titans dominated the undisciplined and perhaps overblown Browns, picked by some to contend for a Super Bowl title after adding Odell Beckham Jr. The Browns committed 18 penalties for 182 yards, a poor reflection on first-year coach Freddie

Kitchens. Cleveland also had a player ejected for kicking a Titans defender. The Browns are 1-19-1 in openers since 1999.

Mariota finished 14 of 24 for 248 yards, completing his two scoring passes to Walker in a span of 3:29 of the final quarter when the Titans opened a 23-point lead.

RAVENS 59, DOLPHINS 10

MIAMI GARDENS, Fla. (AP) —

Lamar Jackson looked unstoppable from the start and tied a franchise record with five touchdown passes to help the Ravens humiliate the Dolphins and rookie coach Brian Flores.

The Ravens set a franchise record for points in the first half, and an NFL record for points in the first half of an opener, taking a 42-10 lead at the break. They broke franchise marks for points and total yards with 643.

Baltimore gained 49 yards on the first play — a run by newcomer Mark Ingram — and hardly slowed down after that. Jeers began when the score reached 14-0, evidence of the impending avalanche already obvious.

Jackson's first nine passes, all completions, went for 204 yards and four touchdowns. That included scores of 47 and 83 yards to first-round draft pick Marquise Brown in the first 11 minutes. Jackson's other touchdown passes covered 33 yards to Willie Snead, 5 yards to rookie Miles Boykin and 1 yard to fullback Patrick Ricard. The performance was a big step forward for the Ravens in their transition from Joe Flacco to Jackson, who went 17 for 20 for 324 yards.

Flores can take small consolation that a drubbing by Baltimore is nothing new. The Ravens have outscored the Dolphins 137-16 in three meetings since 2016. □

Olympic bound U.S. tops Brazil 89-73, gains World Cup quarters

By TIM REYNOLDS

AP Basketball Writer

SHENZHEN, China (AP) —

The first mission for the U.S. is complete: The Americans are going to the Tokyo Olympics.

And now the World Cup quarterfinals await.

Kemba Walker and Myles Turner each scored 16 points, and the Americans earned a top seed for the quarterfinals by beating Brazil 89-73 on Monday in the final second-round game of the tournament.

The U.S., bidding to become the first nation to win three consecutive World Cups, will face France on Wednesday — and won't have to go through any extra qualifying tournament next summer for the Olympics.

"We're thrilled that we've qualified for the Olympics," said U.S. coach Gregg Popovich, who will lead the Americans in Tokyo next summer as well.

"With this new situation in qualifying, you don't want to do that every year. That's a pretty big grind."

It was a win three nations could celebrate: The U.S. victory not only resulted in an Olympic berth but also clinched an Olympic spot for Argentina and a quarterfinal spot for the Czech Republic. The Czechs moved on despite losing earlier Monday to NBA MVP Giannis Antetokounmpo and Greece.

The Czech Republic grabbed the last place in the round of eight via

a three-team, points-differential tiebreaker over Greece and Brazil after they all went 3-2 in group play.

"It's already been a dream," Czech guard Tomas Satoransky said.

Greece defeated the Czech Republic 84-77 in Shenzhen, an outcome that meant the U.S. went into the Brazil game assured a spot in the quarters. All that was at stake was seeding and where it was going, either to nearby Dongguan by bus or back on a plane to Shanghai.

Get the bus ready. France,

a 100-98 loser to Australia on Monday, awaits the U.S. on Wednesday in the quarterfinals. Other quarterfinal matchups: Spain vs. Poland and Serbia vs. Argentina on Tuesday, and Australia vs. the Czech Republic on Wednesday.

The only way to stay in the mix for gold now is to keep winning. That's the approach the Americans — likening the World Cup feel to an NBA Finals feel — have carried throughout the tournament anyway.

"Pop talked about how this is June, this is June basketball," U.S. guard Joe Harris said. "That's what our mentality has got to be like."

Jaylen Brown scored 11 and Harrison Barnes added 10 for the U.S. (5-0).

The U.S. opened on a 14-7 run, then led by as many as eight late in the half — yet went into the break with only a 43-39 lead, unable to shake Brazil despite



United States' Myles Turner reaches for the ball near Brazil's Vitor Benite at right during a match for the FIBA Basketball World Cup at the Shenzhen Bay Sports Center in Shenzhen on Monday, Sept. 9, 2019.

shooting 55 percent in the opening 20 minutes thanks largely to Walker and Turner. They were 9 for 11 in the half from the floor combined, while their teammates were 9 for 22.

Eventually, the Americans pulled away.

Marcus Smart's buzzer-beating, hand-in-his-face 3-pointer to beat the third quarter horn put the U.S. up 11, and a 15-6 run to start the fourth — mostly by getting to the rim, including back-to-back scores by Barnes, and capped by a 3-pointer from Walker — put the game away and gave the Americans an 83-62 lead with 5:50 left.

"For most of the game we played them tough," Brazil forward Anderson Varejao said. "But in the end, we couldn't keep up."

TIP-INS

U.S.: The U.S. pushed its winning streak in major international tournaments — Olympics, World Cup and FIBA Americas — with NBA players to 58 straight games.

... Walker, who missed the morning shootaround with an illness, was in the starting lineup. ... The Olympic berth was clinched because automatic spots go to the top two World Cup finishers from the Americas region,

and the U.S. and Argentina are the lone quarterfinalists out of that group. ... Smart, who has twice battled leg issues this summer, limped to the bench in the fourth quarter in obvious discomfort. He was walking normally not long afterward.

Brazil: Vitor Benite led Brazil with 21, and well-known NBA names Anderson Varejao and Leandro Barbosa each had 14. ... Brazil has lost seven consecutive meetings with the Americans now, but always seems to be a thorny opponent for the U.S. in the World Cup. The teams' last meeting in 2010, a 70-68 U.S. win, went down to the final second and a missed shot by Barbosa. And Brazil topped the U.S. in four consecutive meetings at worlds

from 1959 through 1970.

TOKYO-BOUND

The U.S. men will be in the Olympics for the 19th time next summer, extending their record. The only Olympic basketball tournament that didn't have the Americans was at Moscow in 1980, when the U.S. boycotted. The U.S. is 18 for 18 in earning medals — 15 gold, one silver and two bronze.

PETROVIC EJECTED

Brazil coach Aleksandar Petrovic was ejected in the second quarter after picking up his second technical foul. His first came midway through the first quarter after arguing a kicked-ball call, then waving his hand dismissively at a referee's warning to calm down. The second came when Varejao had a clear lane to the basket, got cut off by Turner and no foul got called — so he went off, and was sent off.

UP NEXT

U.S.: Face France in quarterfinals Wednesday at Dongguan, China. □

Fuglsang wins 16th Vuelta stage, Roglic adds to overall lead

LENA, Spain (AP) — Jakob Fuglsang of Denmark made a solo charge on the final climb to win the 16th stage of the Spanish Vuelta on Monday, while Primoz Roglic finished strong to increase his overall lead.

It was the first stage win in a Grand Tour race for Fuglsang, who finished 22 seconds in front of Tao Geoghegan Hart and 40

seconds ahead of Luis León Sánchez.

"To win a stage was one of my goals coming here as well as helping the team and building my shape for the last part of the season. But one thing is to have a goal, another thing is to achieve it. I'm super happy with this win," Fuglsang said. "It's been my best season ever. To win my first

Grand Tour stage is really special."

Roglic held on to the leader's red jersey for the seventh straight day by fending off late attacks by his closest challengers, including Miguel Ángel López and Tadej Pogacar. They all finished nearly six minutes behind Fuglsang.

"It was a hard day with a long last climb. And a good

day for us in the end," said Roglic, the former ski jumper from Slovenia. "I don't fear the last stages, I'm looking forward to them. I'm enjoying the race and so far it's going really good for me and the team."

Roglic added 23 seconds to his lead over veteran Spaniard Alejandro Valverde, who could not keep up on the final climb of

the 144-kilometer (89-mile) stage that finished with a beyond-category summit at the Alto de la Cubilla.

Pogacar and López were nearly four minutes off the overall lead.

On Tuesday, riders get their last rest day before facing the decisive stretch of the three-week Grand Tour race that finishes on Sunday in Madrid. □

States led by Texas target Google in new antitrust probe

BY RACHEL LERMAN and MARCY GORDON

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Fifty U.S. states and territories, led by Texas, announced an investigation into Google's "potential monopolistic behavior."

The Monday announcement closely followed one from a separate group of states Friday that disclosed an investigation into Facebook's market dominance. The two probes widen the antitrust scrutiny of big tech companies beyond sweeping federal and congressional investigations and enforcement action by European regulators.

Nebraska attorney general Doug Peterson, a Republican, said at a press conference held in Washington that 50 attorneys general joining together sends a "strong message to Google." California and Alabama are not part of the investigation, although it does include the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. Google is headquartered in California and employs more workers there than in any other region. Google also broke ground last year on a \$600 million data-center project in Alabama. Tara Gallegos, a spokeswoman for California Attorney General Xavier Becerra, declined to confirm or deny any state investigation and would not comment on the announcement by the other states. Mike Lewis, a spokesman for Alabama Attorney Gen-



In this May 1, 2019, file photo a man walks past a Google sign outside with a span of the Bay Bridge at rear in San Francisco.

eral Steve Marshall, also said the state's legal team had no comment on the probe.

The news conference featured a dozen Republican attorneys general plus the Democratic attorney general of Washington, D.C.

Google's parent company, Alphabet, has a market value of more than \$820 billion and controls so many facets of the internet that it's almost impossible to surf the web for long without running into at least one of its services. Google's dominance in online search and advertising enables it to target millions of consumers for their personal data.

The state officials assem-

bled in Washington were

vague about the focus and

scope of the investigation,

although several suggested scrutiny of the company's dominant search and advertising businesses.

Critics often point to Google's 2007 acquisition of online advertising company DoubleClick as pivotal to its advertising dominance.

Europe's antitrust regulators slapped Google with a \$1.7 billion fine in March for unfairly inserting exclusivity clauses into contracts with advertisers, disadvantaging rivals in the online ad business.

One outcome antitrust regulators might explore is forcing Google to spin off search as a separate company, experts say. Regulators also could focus on areas such as Google's popular video site YouTube, an

acquisition Google scored in 2006. Google has long argued that although its businesses are large, they are useful and beneficial to consumers. "Google is one of America's top spenders on research and development, making investments that spur innovation," wrote Kent Walker, the company's senior vice president of global affairs, in a blog post Friday. On Monday, Google referred reporters to that earlier post.

"Things that were science fiction a few years ago are now free for everyone — translating any language instantaneously, learning about objects by pointing your phone, getting an answer to pretty much any question you might have," Walker wrote. But federal

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and state regulators and policymakers are growing more concerned not just with the company's impact on ordinary internet users, but also on smaller companies striving to compete in Google's markets.

"On the one hand, you could just say, 'well Google is dominant because they're good,'" said Jen King, the director of privacy at Stanford's Center for Internet and Society. "But at the same time, it's created an ecosystem where people's whole internet experience is mediated through Google's home page and Google's other products."

For instance, Google's search platform is often the starting point for millions of people when they go online. Google dwarfs other search competitors and has faced harsh criticism in the past for favoring its own products over competitors at the top of search results. European regulators also have investigated in this area, ultimately fining Google for promoting its own shopping service. Google is appealing the fine. Google will control 31.1% of global digital ad dollars in 2019, according to eMarketer estimates, crushing a distant second-place Facebook. Many smaller advertisers have argued that Google has such a stranglehold on the market that it becomes a system of whatever Google says, goes — because the alternative could be not reaching customers. □

Court rules startup may collect data from LinkedIn profiles



This Sept. 22, 2016, file photo shows a sculpture on a terrace outside the offices of LinkedIn in San Francisco.

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A federal appeals court has affirmed the right of a startup company to collect information from people's public profiles on networking service LinkedIn.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in San Francisco upheld a previous ruling Monday siding with hiQ Labs, a San Francisco company that analyzes workforce data scraped from profiles.

LinkedIn invoked a federal anti-hacking law in telling hiQ to stop.

It also installed technical blocks to prevent hiQ from accessing otherwise publicly available information on LinkedIn users.

A 2017 ruling ordered LinkedIn to stop blocking the startup.

LinkedIn appealed. LinkedIn, which is owned by Microsoft Corp., said it is disappointed in the decision and evaluating options for an appeal. hiQ did not immediately respond for a message for comment Monday.

Orin Kerr, a law professor at the University of California, Berkeley called the ruling a "major decision for the open internet."

"It doesn't establish that scraping websites is completely legal, but it goes a long way toward establishing that it's not a federal crime," he said.

The decision, he added, means that, while a hacker could be arrested for breaking into a website, a person "can't be arrested and prosecuted just for visiting it." □

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US stock indexes turn lower, giving up modest early gains

By ALEX VEIGA

Associated Press

Major U.S. stock indexes veered lower in afternoon trading Monday, giving back modest gains from earlier in the day.

Losses in technology and health care stocks outweighed gains in financials and other sectors as the market pulled back after notching solid gains last week.

Payment processors helped weigh down the technology sector. Visa slid 2.9%, Mastercard fell 3.1% and PayPal lost 3.9%. Drugmakers led the slide in health care stocks. Merck fell 3.5% and Abbott Laboratories dropped 1.9%.

Rising bond yields gave banks a boost. Lenders rely on higher yields to set more lucrative interest rates on loans. JPMorgan Chase

rose 2.4% and Bank of America gained 2.9%.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury rose to 1.61% from 1.55% late Friday in a sign that investors remain confident that the economy will continue growing. They also shifted money out of safe-play sectors like utilities and makers of consumer products.

Energy stocks climbed as the price of U.S. crude oil rose 2.7%. Oilfield services company Schlumberger jumped 6%.

The broader market is coming off two weeks of gains following a bout of volatility brought on by the trade war between the U.S. and China. Investors are still hoping for a deal between the two nations. They were encouraged last week by news that talks will resume in October.

A mixed bag of economic data has kept Wall Street focused on central banks and whether they will continue taking measures to shore up economic growth. On Friday, Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell said the central bank doesn't expect a recession and will take necessary actions to maintain growth. Economists expect the Fed to cut interest rates when it meets next week.

KEEPING SCORE: The S&P 500 was down 0.2% as of 1:34 p.m. Eastern time. The Dow Jones Industrial Average dropped 27 points, or 0.1%, to 26,770. The Nasdaq fell 0.5%. Small-company stocks did better than the rest of the market. The Russell 2000 rose 0.8%.

Major stock indexes in Europe were mixed as economic growth concerns



In this Sept. 4, 2019, file photo trader Michael Milano works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange.

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and Britain's potentially chaotic exit from the European Union weigh on investors. Stocks in Asia finished broadly higher.

CALLING FOR CHANGE: AT&T rose 2.5% after activist investment manager Elliott Management, which has

a \$3.2 billion stake in the telecom company, sent a letter to AT&T's board, noting that its stock has badly lagged the broader market over the past 10 years and urged it to shed businesses and trim costs. AT&T said it will review the proposals. □

World Bank official in line for top job at IMF

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — A top World Bank official from Europe is in line to head the International Monetary Fund with the organization saying that there is only one person nominated for the job.

Nominations are no longer being accepted, the IMF said Monday, and the group's executive board will conduct interviews with Kristalina Georgieva of Bulgaria. Georgieva has served since 2017 as chief



In a Wednesday, March 7, 2018 file photo, World Bank Chief Executive Officer Kristalina Georgieva speaks during a panel at the European headquarters of the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland.

Associated Press

executive officer of the World Bank, the IMF's sister lending organization.

Eswar Prasad, an economics professor at Cornell University and a former top official at the IMF, said that Georgieva "certainly has strong credentials in the world of international finance." But he expressed disappointment that the search for a new IMF director was not broadened to include more IMF's member countries, including a large group of developing economies. "The process

of her selection, which was orchestrated by a set of advanced European countries with the tacit support of the U.S. still reeks of a global governance system that is dominated by advanced economies who put their interest first," Prasad said.

Since the IMF and World Bank were founded immediately after World War II, the IMF has always been headed by a European while the World Bank has always been led by an American. □

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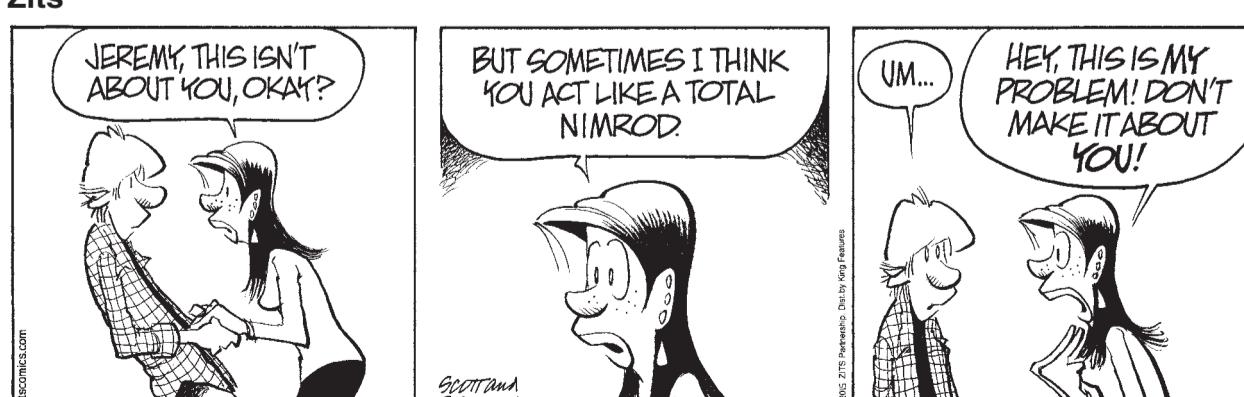
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

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H&M stops buying leather from Brazil over Amazon fires

Associated Press

COPENHAGEN, Denmark (AP) — Low-cost fashion retailer H&M said Friday it is suspending leather purchases from Brazil to make sure it is not supporting cattle farming that may be contributing to the fires in the Amazon rainforest. The move by the Stockholm-based company follows a similar decision by the maker of Vans and Timberland shoes. Some international investors are also trying to put pressure on the Brazilian government, which has been seen as too lax in its approach to protecting the rainforest.

Hennes & Mauritz AB said its temporary ban on leather from Brazil will remain in place "until there are credible assurances ... that the leather does not contribute to environmental harm in the Amazon."

The move may be more about the message than the business impact, as H&M sources the vast majority of its leather from Europe's from the meat industry, with only a small part from Brazil. The company declined to provide figures. □

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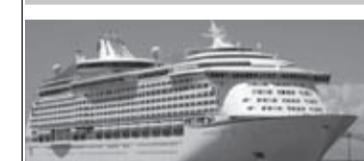
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Americans love snacks. What does that mean for their health?

By CANDICE CHOI

AP Food & Health Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Americans are addicted to snacks, and food experts are paying closer attention to what that might mean for health and obesity. Eating habits in the U.S. have changed significantly in recent decades, and packaged bars, chips and sweets have spread into every corner of life. In the late 1970s, about 40 percent of American adults said they didn't have any snacks during the day. By 2007, that figure was just 10 percent.

To get a better handle on the implications of differing eating patterns, U.S. health officials are reviewing scientific research on how eating frequency affects health, including weight gain and obesity. The analysis is intended to gauge the broader spectrum of possibilities, including fasting. But snacking, grazing and "mini meals" are likely to be among the factors considered, given how they have upended the three-meals-a-day model. Findings could potentially be reflected in the government's updated dietary guidelines next year, though any definitive recommendations are unlikely.

For public health officials, part of the challenge is that snacking is a broad term that can mean a 100-calorie apple or a 500-calorie Frappuccino. How people adjust what they eat the rest of the day also varies. Snacks may help reduce hunger and overeating at meals, but they can also just push up the total calories someone consumes.

While there's nothing wrong with snacks per se, they have become much



This Saturday, Sept. 7, 2019 photo shows items in a vending machine in New York.

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more accessible. It also has become more socially acceptable to snack more places: at work meetings and while walking, driving or shopping for clothes.

"We live in a 24/7 food culture now," said Dana Hunnes, a senior dietitian at UCLA Medical Center.

To encourage better choices as global obesity rates climb, public health officials have increasingly considered government interventions, including "junk food" taxes.

In Mexico, which has among the highest obesity rates in the world, special taxes on sugary drinks and other foods including some snacks and candies went into effect in 2014.

Last week, a study in the medical journal BMJ said taxing sugary snacks in the United Kingdom could have a bigger impact on obesity rates than a tax on sugary drinks that went into effect last year. While sugary drinks account for 2 percent of average calories in the United Kingdom,

sugary snacks like cakes and cookies account for 12 percent, the study said. Complicating matters, snack options are also continuing to broaden beyond the standard chips and cookies.

"Manufacturers have tried to tap into Americans' concern for health," said Paula Johnson, curator of food history at the National Museum of American History in Washington, D.C.

Beyond nutrition, health officials should also consider what emotional or mental health benefits might be lost when people move away from meals, said Sophie Egan, who writes about American food culture. Meals can be a time for socially connectivity, she said, while snacks are usually eaten alone. She also noted the growth in snacking may be fueled by the stress of busier lives.

"Who knows how much food is a Band-Aid for those issues," Egan said.

For their part, food companies have moved to capitalize on Americans' love of snacks and stretched the definition of the word. Dunkin' Donuts' former CEO has said the chain's sandwiches should be considered snacks, not lunch. When Hershey bought a meat jerky company, the candy company said it wanted to expand its offerings across the "snacking continuum" to include more nutritious options.

Health experts' recommendations on snacking vary. Children may need more snacks and to eat more frequently. For adults, many dietitians saying what works for one person might not for another.

Hunnes, the UCLA dietitian, recommends sticking to minimally processed options like fruit or nuts when snacking. But she acknowledged the advice could sound like it's coming from an ivory tower, given the prevalence of packaged snacks.

"They're just there, and they have a great shelf life," she said. □

Experts say adapting to climate change can pay off manifold

BERLIN (AP) — A group of leaders from business, politics and science called Monday for a massive investment in adapting to climate change over the next decade, arguing it would reap significant returns as countries avoid catastrophic losses and boost their economies.

The Global Commission on Adaptation, comprising dozens of prominent figures including Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates and former U.N. chief Ban Ki-moon, urged governments and businesses to tackle the inevitable consequences of climate change, in addition to trying to curb it.

In their 81-page report, the experts proposed investing \$1.8 trillion between 2020 and 2030 in areas such as early warning systems, infrastructure that can withstand rising sea levels and extreme weather, and boosting agriculture to cope with droughts. Other areas they propose investing in are bolstering scarce water resources and improving

mangrove forests that provide key protection to vulnerable shorelines in developing nations.

Ban cited Bangladesh's response to two devastating cyclones as a good example of the way countries can adapt to environmental threats. Following the deaths of hundreds of thousands of people in 1970 and 1991, the South Asian nation reinforced flood defenses, built shelters and trained volunteers, sharply cutting the death toll in subsequent storms.

The commission also pointed to places such as the Netherlands and London, where protection measures have allowed valuable land to be used that would otherwise have risked flooding. While rich countries already have the means to invest in such measures, poor nations risk losing out, the group said.

"If we do not act now, climate change will supercharge the global gap between the haves and have-nots," said Ban. □

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Pyer Moss celebrates black culture with fashion and music

By NEKESA MUMBI MOODY

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NEW YORK (AP) — There was a huge choir that veered from stirring, soaring gospel, then spit verses from Cardi B and sang lines from Queen Latifah's "U.N.I.T.Y.;" a spoken word artist who reminded the audience that rock 'n' roll was invited by a black, queer woman; and a stunning collection of clothes that ran the gamut from casual chic to red-carpet gowns, all modeled by black or brown faces.

"Sister," Pyer Moss' latest production for New York Fashion Week, was a brilliant, irreverent and joyous celebration of black culture, specifically black women — a show where even the colorful, eye-catching garments proved to be just part of the story its designer, Kerby Jean-Raymond, masterfully weaved together on Sunday night.

"The whole thing is really to recognize our worth, and us as black people, what we've contributed to what pop society is in America," Jean-Raymond told The Associated Press after his show ended a little before midnight. "What I aim to do is to make disenfranchised people, black people, with this series and minorities and women, know and understand how important they are to this thing called America right now."

The first sign that the Pyer Moss was going to be something out of the ordinary was its location: Miles from Manhattan, the up-start fashion house held court on Flatbush Avenue, at the Kings Theatre, a venue sitting in one of the more culturally rich black neighborhoods in Brooklyn, New York.

Once inside the ornate and refurbished venue, a runway was fashioned in front of the stage, and in between stood a piano — another hint that clothes would be merely part of the story Jean-Raymond planned to tell.

What followed was a production that borrowed

from black music, the black church and other aspects of the culture to pay loving tribute to what African

back; matching men's and women's leather outfits that recalled cowboy chic; and brilliant artwork em-

of black women in culture, specifically music. He noted the often overlooked Sister Rosetta Thar-



The Pyer Moss collection is modeled during Fashion Week, Sunday, Sept. 8, 2019 in New York.
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Americans have achieved. Before the show began, spoken word artist Casey Gerald noted the grim anniversary currently being marked worldwide — 400 years since the first enslaved Africans arrived in the United States.

But instead of sorrow, Gerald emphasized freedom and noted "we have come here to say we ain't gonna grieve no more. we have come tonight to say you can't hurt us no more."

With that, The Pyer Moss Tabernacle Drip Choir Drenched in the Blood took to the stage and began to sing. Dressed in formal black against a white backdrop, it was the perfect complement to the designs that would grace the runway.

Looks included a flowing white tunic with red trim and matching white pants; a brilliant yellow-gold gown with long, billowing sleeves, a skirt that flared at the bottom and a cut-out

blazoned on casual outfits ("Stranger Things" star Caleb McLaughlin was one of the models).

As captivating as the clothes were, they were hard to compete with the choir, which started slow and majestic, with a gospel song, then morphed to deliver snippets of popular works of contemporary black singers, from Anita Baker to Whitney Houston to Missy Elliott: the audience roared as the choir began to rap Elliott's "The Rain," and cheered when it later segued to Cardi B's "Money," and erupted as it went into Adina Howard's "Freak Like Me."

Jean-Raymond beamed about his choir afterward, and noted that he had wanted to have more than 100 members, but "the stage structure couldn't hold all of our swag."

Jean-Raymond said he chose the songs to pay tribute to the contributions

pe, who is considered by many to be the rightful creator of rock 'n' roll.

"And I feel like black women are often erased from things, and I wanted to do this specifically for black women," he said.

It may have been specifically for black women, but the entire audience — which included celebrities ranging from Fantasia to former NBA star Chris Bosh, former NFL star Victor Cruz and actress girlfriend Karlie Kloss, and singer Normani — erupted in applause as it was ending.

In the end, it was far more than a fashion show, which is what Jean-Raymond — who declared fashion shows boring and elitist — hoped to achieve.

"I look at this as an art project, and I think the success of it is bringing people closer to me than trying to assimilate into whatever else people are doing," he said. □

JESSE MALIN SUNSET KIDS



This cover image released by Wicked Cool/Velvet Elk shows "Sunset Kids," the latest release by Jesse Malin.

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NYC troubadour Jesse Malin shines on 'Sunset Kids'

By PABLO GORONDI
Associated Press

Jesse Malin, "Sunset Kids" (Wicked Cool/Velvet Elk)

Straighten out the turns in Jesse Malin's career and you'll have yourself a long road. From his prepubescent start on the New York hardcore scene to his days in the punkish D-Generation and an extensive solo résumé, the Flushing-born singer-songwriter has produced plenty of highlights.

You can put "Sunset Kids" among them, an album where the ghosts of the punk years permeate the lyrics while the musical side hovers over the genres he's mastered since his solo debut, "The Fine Art of Self-Destruction" — pop songs, rockers, alt-country/Americana and ballads that go directly for the tear ducts.

There's a saying that something's twice as good if it's brief and the 14 songs on "Sunset Kids" — produced by Lucinda Williams and husband Tom Overby — often stay around the ideal three-minute mark. Opener "Meet Me at the End of the World Again" is very 70s, like Lou Reed fronting the Rolling Stones and Malin feeling like he's "at the wrong end of some else's joke." □

In 'Dolemite Is My Name,' a return to form for Eddie Murphy

By JAKE COYLE

Associated Press

TORONTO (AP) — It took Eddie Murphy more than a decade to get a movie made about Rudy Ray Moore. Judging by the response to the film at the Toronto International Film Festival, the wait was worth it. "Dolemite Is My Name" drew some of the best reviews of Murphy's career, following the film's premiere over the weekend

in Toronto. It had been a while. Murphy's last two leading performances — 2016's "Mr. Church" and 2012's "A Thousand Words" — were little seen and little loved. But "Dolemite Is My Name" was a passion project for the 58-year-old comedian. He long ago met with Moore, who died in 2008 at the age of 81, to discuss making a movie about the comedian. Moore's famous



This image released by Netflix shows Eddie Murphy in a scene from "Dolemite Is My Name," which will be shown at the Toronto Film Festival.

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character — the straight-talking, kung fu-fighting pimp Dolemite — was his stand-up persona and star of the 1975 Blaxploitation classic "Dolemite." "I never let go of the idea. It was always something I thought could be a great movie. I had been sitting on the couch. I took some time to do nothing," Murphy said in an interview. "It goes back to when Rudy was alive. I literally went to see him at a club. It just didn't come together. And there was no Netflix back then."

"Dolemite Is My Name," directed by Craig Brewer ("Hustle & Flow"), will be released by Netflix in theaters Oct. 4 and begin streaming

on Oct. 25. It's penned by Scott Alexander and Larry Karaszewski, who memorably wrote another tale about an inexpert filmmaker: "Ed Wood."

"Dolemite Is My Name"

chronicles the ramshackle, threadbare making of "Dolemite" with Wesley Snipes playing director D'Urville Martin. It's a paean to low-budget movie-making and a celebration of creating something out of nothing, outside a movie system that made scant room for African-American stories.

For Brewer, a Memphis, Tennessee, native, it's a testament to the independent filmmaking of his youth.

"I came up in my career as a guerrilla filmmaker. You show up and you shoot. You don't have permits. You don't have professionals help you. You just have a bunch of other people like you who have a blind passion," Brewer said. "Sometimes those passion projects turn into something wonderful even though they're terrible."

For "My Name Is Dolemite," the reception in Toronto was electric — especially for a performance that for many recalled Murphy's performances of the '80s. During the standing ovation that followed the film's premiere, cast member Keegan-Michael Key suggested the lengthy applause shouldn't stop for Murphy. "The film has helped kick off a comeback for Murphy. After years of working seldom if at all, Murphy is currently shooting a sequel to "Coming to America," also with Brewer directing and Snipes co-starring. Later this year, the former "Saturday Night Live" castmember will host the show for the first time since 1984. And after years away from the stage, he's plotting a return to stand-up, with a tour planned for next summer. □

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Review: Tinariwen embodies the desert blues on 'Amadjar'

By PABLO GORONDI

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Tinariwen, "Amadjar" (ANTI-)

Tinariwen don't need to create a mythology for or about themselves. The story of this Western African band of nomadic Tuaregs from Mali includes exile, violent conflicts and an attachment to ancient traditions informed by current affairs.

Their latest release, "Amadjar," is the epitome of desert blues. Recorded under a tent in the sandy outskirts of Nouakchott, the capital of Mauritania, the setting provides a more informal and natural, though far from laid-back, atmosphere.

Some songs reflect the seemingly similar chal-

lenges humanity is facing around the world. "Taqlak Tarha" says "Nothing has any meaning / Days follow each other and look the same," while "Wartilla" claims that "The hardest thing is to see love and friendship disappear."

Most, however, make direct and unmistakable allusions to their personal fates and political struggles. "Amalouna" is practically a manifesto — "Today, our future and our hope is an armed return to our homeland" and "Kel Tinawen" warns that "Evil tongues, you can keep talking / The uprising will be impossible to suppress."

The dominant singing and songwriting is by founder Ibrahim Ag Alhabib and

+10:1 TINARIWEN AMADJAR



This cover image released by ANTI- shows "Amadjar," a release by ANTI- via AP.

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Abdallah Ag Alhousseyeni, the resonance of their deep voices magnificently matched and tempered by Lala and Aicha's backing vocals.

The instrumentation, if needed, can be carried on their backs: percussion and a legion of electric and, featuring probably more prominently than on their latest albums, acoustic guitars. □

Kennedy Center looks to the future with opening of The Reach

By ASHRAF KHALIL

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Kennedy Center is unveiling a massive new expansion designed to transform the relationship between audience and artist while revitalizing the performing arts complex for a new generation.

The new \$250 million addition, dubbed The Reach, will open on Saturday with a 16-day festival featuring hundreds of free performances.

The 4.6-acre complex, built on what was previously a parking lot for buses, features a trio of white buildings designed by architect Steven Holl and filled with multi-purpose performance and rehearsal spaces.

Kennedy Center President Deborah Rutter says The Reach's facilities were designed to work as "the opposite of a concert hall."

Instead of the inherently passive experience of sitting in seats and watching artists perform from an elevated stage, Rutter said The Reach is meant to partially eliminate the division between artists and audience.

Rehearsal and performance rooms feature giant windows and glass walls, allowing visitors to watch mu-



In this Sept. 5, 2019 photo, workers walk atop a green roof at The Reach, an expansion of the Kennedy Center in Washington.

sicians and dancers in mid-rehearsal, while interactive facilities offer the chance to create their own art. While concert halls are purpose-built for exactly one type of use, the multiple rooms of The Reach are all considered "flex spaces" -- designed to accommodate rehearsals, performances, classes or social functions.

"There's nothing that's just a room," Rutter said. "It's going to be immersive, participatory and responsive."

The legacy of President John F. Kennedy is literally branded on the walls of the new facilities.

Quotes from Kennedy are inscribed in multiple places while the performance and rehearsal spaces are named for elements of Kennedy's life: there's a hall named P.T. 109 for the WWII torpedo boat that Kennedy commanded and another named Macaroni for Caroline Kennedy's favorite pony.

Rutter said The Reach is de-

signed to be used and experienced in a completely different way from the traditional Kennedy Center building.

Instead of "showing up dressed nicely in time for the 8 p.m. show," Rutter said visitors can show up any time of the day and spontaneously enjoy the facilities -- which include large patches of green space strewn with sculptures, a gourmet cafe and free Wi-Fi.

"This is going to be a really

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casual place," Rutter said. "It's meant to be used spontaneously."

Kennedy Center spokeswoman Michelle Pendoley said the construction of The Reach is part of an ongoing Kennedy Center effort to draw a younger and more diverse audience that will ensure the longtime future of the institution. Inside the building, staffers refer to the traditional programming staples by the acronym SOB: symphony, opera and ballet. But recent moves like the creation of a dedicated department of hip-hop culture are meant to expand beyond that core.

"The original Kennedy Center is monumental," she said. "This is meant to be on more of a human scale."

The 16-day opening festival will feature a host of performances, including hip-hop icons De La Soul. There will also be multiple events geared toward children and organized by Mo Willems, the famed author of the "Elephant and Piggie" series and the Kennedy Center's new Education Artist in Residence. Included among the sculptures scattered around the grounds of The Reach is a giant inflatable pigeon based on a recurring character from Willems' books. □

Turner Classic Movies hires its first African American host

By JAKE COYLE
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Jacqueline Stewart has been named host of Turner Classic Movies' silent movie program "Silent Sunday Nights," making her the network's first African American host in its 25 year history.

TCM on Monday announced the hiring of Stewart, a professor of cinema and media studies at the University of Chicago who has specialized in the racial politics of film preservation. She will make her TCM debut on Sunday.

"I hope that as a host at TCM that my presence there will interest a greater diversity of viewers to see what there is to watch,"

Stewart said in an interview. "If my presence on TCM gets people interested in film history, especially young people of color, to look at a body of work that they might not think would resonate with them, that's really important."

For years after the network's founding in 1994, Robert Osborne was the sole host on TCM. In 2003, Ben Mankiewicz joined the network. But only recently has TCM expanded the number of personalities that introduce and give context to the classic films that air on its commercialless network. Last year, Alicia Malone became the first female host on TCM. Also added in recent years were "Noir Alley" hosts Ed-

die Muller and Dave Karger.

Pola Changnon, senior vice president of marketing, studio production and talent for TCM, says that as TCM has expanded its operations to include an annual film festival and classic movie-themed cruise, the network has needed "a deeper bench" of talent. Changnon said Stewart's deep knowledge of film history and her engaging way of talking about it made her a natural fit.

"For us, it's a chance to learn from her, too," said Changnon. "With classic movies, there are certain assumptions about who got to tell the stories and who was featured in these movies. With Jacqueline's



This April 11, 2019 file photo shows Jacqueline Stewart at the 2019 TCM Classic Film Festival - Opening Night Gala for "When Harry Met Sally" in Los Angeles.

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guidance, we're going to do more to attend to the Oscar Micheauxs of the world." □

Badlands and history in Theodore Roosevelt National Park

By BETH J. HARPAZ

Associated Press

MEDORA, N.D. (AP) — For travelers looking to visit all 50 states, North Dakota is often one of the last to be checked off. It's not exactly on the way to anywhere else, and flying there is expensive.

It ended up being 49th on my 50-state quest (sorry, Idaho!). Part of the challenge was deciding what to do there and how to get there. I had to choose between visiting Fargo in eastern North Dakota (and the name of one of my favorite movies) or Theodore Roosevelt National Park in the west. It's 330 miles (530 kilometers) between them, and I didn't have time for both on a week-long road trip that also included Montana's Glacier National Park and Idaho's Craters of the Moon.

In the end, Roosevelt Park won out. Photos of its badlands and prairies enchanted me, and the story of Teddy Roosevelt's sojourn there following the deaths of his wife and mother on the same day intrigued me. What was it about this place that allowed this future president to grieve and recover — while at the same time inspiring him to become one of America's most influential conservationists? I needed to see it for myself.

GETTING THERE

My husband and I flew to Denver — by air from New York, the cheapest jumping-off point — and rented a car (unlimited mileage, of course). We then drove



This Sept. 3, 2019 photo shows a cabin that Theodore Roosevelt lived in, open to visitors at Theodore Roosevelt National Park in Medora, N.D.

600 miles (965 kilometers) north through Wyoming and South Dakota to the tiny North Dakota town of Medora (population 132), at the entrance to the park's South Unit. Fortunately, those 600 miles were easily done in a day, thanks to speed limits of 75 and 80 mph (120-128 kph) in many spots, and little traffic outside Colorado. Still, it felt like we were heading to a pretty remote place, and I wondered if the park would hold its own against national parks I'd visited in Alaska, Hawaii and the Southwest, not to mention Yellowstone and Yosemite. About 700,000 people visit Roosevelt Park yearly, compared to the more than 3 million annual visitors at

places like Montana's Glacier Park.

THE LOOP AND WILDLIFE

Teddy Roosevelt Park is open 24 hours daily. We arrived at 7:30 a.m. one day at the tail end of last summer. Map in hand, we drove the 36-mile (58-kilometer) scenic loop around the park's South Unit, stopping at many of the nearly 20 points of interest along the way. Within minutes, we came upon a prairie dog town. Dozens of the tiny creatures scampered back and forth, popping in and out of little holes amid scrubby grasses. We'd see three more prairie dog towns before we completed the loop, along with wild horses grazing on a hill by the roadside and in another spot, a herd of bison. The wildlife encounters were thrilling and unexpected surprises.

THE LANDSCAPE

The landscape was thrilling too. The scent of sage perfumed the air, and bursts of red foliage punctuated the gray-green grasslands. Stripes of peach, cream and mud-brown earth and stone lined the curving banks of the Little Missouri River.

Framing it all were the famous badlands stretching to the horizon: flat-topped stone formations with stri-

ated slopes in tawny yellows and russet reds, dotted with bright green trees and patches of grass. They looked like the crusty paws of some massive alien creature on the verge of rising up.

We did most of the hikes along the loop drive, some just a few minutes' walk to an overlook, others 20 to 40 minutes along hilly trails covering a mile or more. At every stop, we were awed by the scenery, from the astonishing palette of earthy hues to the stone shapes etching land and sky.

ROOSEVELT'S STORY

An exhibit at the visitor center tells Roosevelt's story. On his first visit in 1883, he hunted bison and invested in a ranch near Medora. He'd

been a state assemblyman in his native New York, but after his mother and wife both died on Feb. 14, 1884, he left politics and returned to the badlands to mourn his losses. He lived in a small ponderosa pine cabin now located just steps from the visitor center. It's furnished with period pieces and some of his belongings, including his traveling trunk, a replica of his writing desk and a rocking chair.

Roosevelt lived the cowboy life, spending days riding and herding in what was considered America's last frontier. His experiences there were formative: He lost more than \$24,000 when blizzards decimated the cattle he'd invested in. He witnessed the environmental damage done by overgrazing. And he realized that the bison, who once roamed the plains in the millions, had dwindled to the hundreds.

Roosevelt wrote three books inspired by his Western sojourn. He eventually returned to politics, serving as New York governor and from 1901-1909, as U.S. president. His accomplishments included the conservation of 230 million acres of land, a legacy that led to the creation of the National Park Service in 1916. For me, Roosevelt Park ranks among the most interesting and beautiful I've seen. I wish I hadn't waited so long to visit, and I hope someday to go back and absorb more of the place that Roosevelt called "a land of vast silent spaces — a place of grim beauty." □



This Sept. 3, 2019 photo shows a "Do not feed the prairie dogs" sign at Theodore Roosevelt National Park in Medora, N.D.

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This Sept. 3, 2019 photo shows bison grazing at Theodore Roosevelt National Park in Medora, N.D.

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